

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri



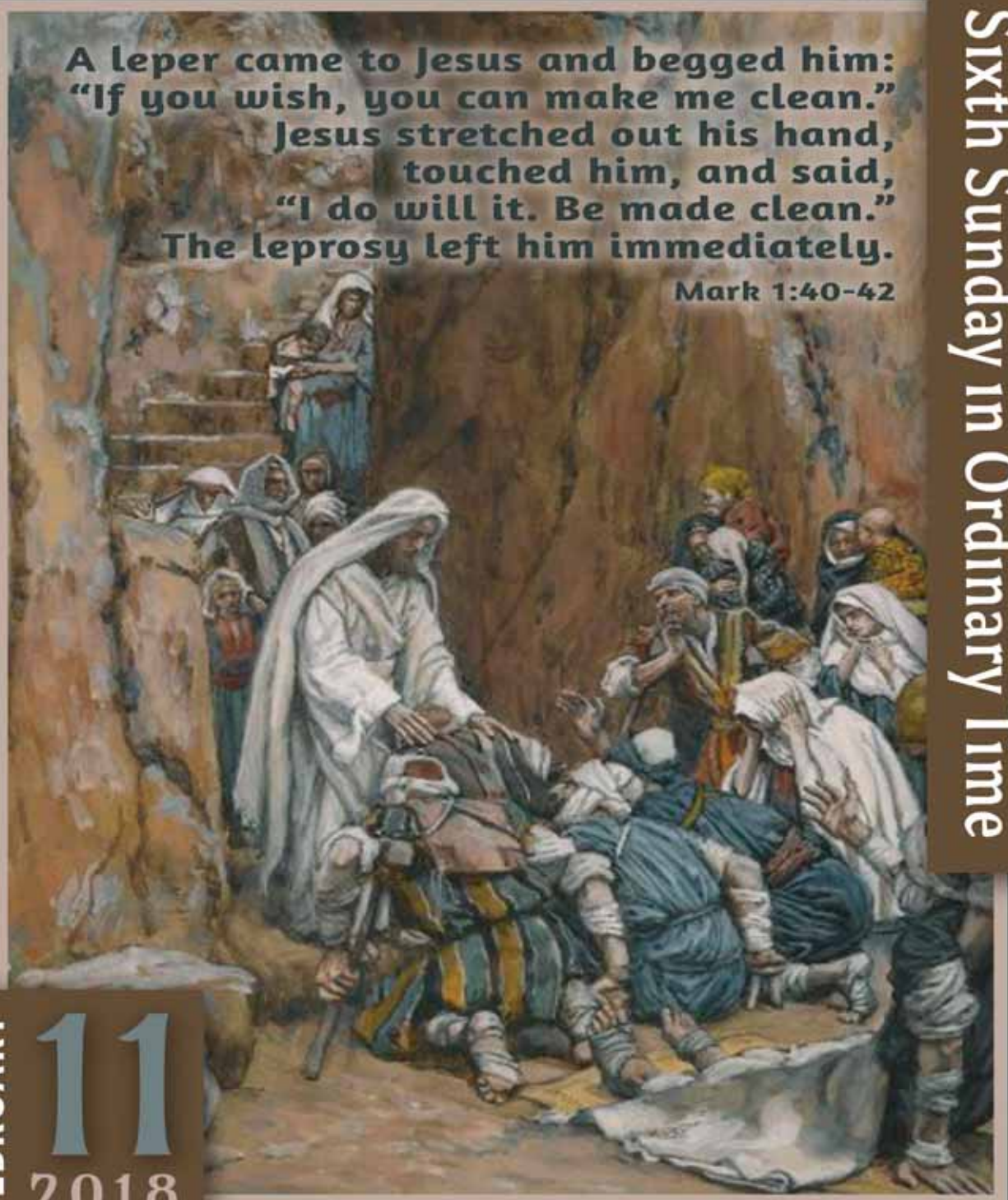
Meeting **TODAY**
7:00 pm
Topic:
School and Grades



Ash Wednesday
February 14
Masses at 7:00 am,
8:05 am & 7:00 pm

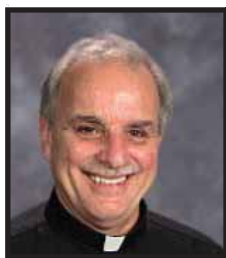
**A leper came to Jesus and begged him:
"If you wish, you can make me clean."
Jesus stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said,
"I do will it. Be made clean."
The leprosy left him immediately.**

Mark 1:40-42



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 11 2018



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Good bye Fr. Abe We Will Be Forever Grateful For your Time With Us!

This past week we said our final farewell to Fr. Abe Arganiosa as our Associate pastor. He left our parish on Tuesday morning to spend a few days with friends in the St. Louis area before boarding the plane back home to Philippines on Friday morning. His presence with us was truly a blessing!

I know I will be forever grateful that he was appointed to St. Joseph's, for he was able to manage the parish without missing a beat during my six-month absence due to my medical issues. **Our children fell in love with him at school, he was their number one sports fan! During his time with us for a year and a half, we have all come to embrace that huge smile, his genuine compassion, his love of liturgy, his writings each week in our bulletin, and most of all his joyful priestly spirit. He had a heart of compassion for to all whom he encountered!**

My sincere thanks for your warm send off last week for him, it warmed my heart knowing that many of you gathered for the wonderful celebration and gathering for him on Saturday evening... thanks to the many parishioners coming over to our Coffee and Doughnut Sunday and wishing him well... for the many cards he received... and for the wonderful turnout at his last Spanish Mass and the reception afterwards. A special thanks to those who helped him pack and do numerous little things so that he could enjoy his last days here visiting. My thanks too for the very nicely written article about him in our local newspaper, the Daily Journal. The article spoke volumes about the life of our parish. **Without a doubt he left knowing that he was loved and very much appreciated!**

Our prayers go with Fr. Abe as he heads back home to be with his family for a while and to enjoy a little vacation time until he receives his new assignment. He knows and has our assurance that if he is able to return to the United States that he is most welcomed to come back to St. Joseph's parish as our Associate. There were many false rumors going around, may God forgive these few, but this was totally a deportation issue.

Preparing Ourselves for a One Priest Parish

With Fr. Abe's departure, we must now prepare ourselves to be a one priest parish. With the shortage of priests, at this time we have been informed that we will not receive another Associate Pastor. With that, there will be a few changes, we will have Communion Services on Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. We will be having some guest priests to help out with the masses on the weekends.

We will also have laity helping out in several other ways, such as leading the Stations, closing Eucharistic Adoration, and making some of the Communion Calls to our homebound.

Our First Reconciliation Was Canceled and Rescheduled For Tuesday March 6th

Due to the weather forecast this past Tuesday evening, our First Reconciliation for our Second Graders was canceled and rescheduled Tuesday, March 6th.

Our Lenten Journey Begins...

This Wednesday begins our traditional spiritual journey of Lent; a time of penance, spiritual renewal and anticipation of Easter joy.

Have you given any thought yet to what you will do this Lenten Season to enhance your spiritual growth? As an adult, how about adding an additional 10 minutes of prayer each day? Daily mass? A true intention of going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Setting aside the Lenten season to stay home and have dinner every night with the family? Reconciling with a family member? Maybe praying the Stations of the Cross? Reading a bit of scripture each day? A weekly visit on Thursdays for Eucharistic Adoration? Let us open our hearts this Lenten season to God's transforming life within each of us! It's easy to BE Catholic but a life changing experience to LIVE Catholic!!!

Our Baptismal calling encourages us to do much more. Through his example of forty days in the desert, Jesus asks us to return to the basics of our faith: to pray, fast, give alms and perform works of mercy. May the ashes truly remind us to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 am, 8:05 am and 7:00 pm.

Catholic Parishes are known for many things, the Lenten Fish Fry being one of them. Parishes are often identified and known for their warm hospitality. Our Lenten Fish Fries have done that for us! We had a tremendous response the last twelve years! Our Fish Fries are about bringing the community together and the opportunity for evangelization.

For the last several years the community of Farmington was aglow with our Lenten purple signs advertising our Fish Fries. **If you are in need of a new sign or a new stake, please come by the parish office to pick one up.** We ask that you please display your fish fry sign in your yard or place of business during Lent.

Again this year we will offer "ALL YOU CAN EAT" at our Fish Fries that will be held in the gym and served buffet style. We will be offering catfish along with tilapia and pollock. Each week we will offer cole slaw, hush puppies, green beans, stewed tomatoes, french fries, macaroni and cheese and a specialty dish. The cost, includes dessert, is \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children (5-10 years old) and free for children under 4.

We remember the poor of our community by our St. Joseph School Students hosting a 50/50 raffle each week. The proceeds will go to the Help the Hungry Bakesale. Our 50/50 drawings be held at 7:30 pm each evening. Our quilters will again offer chances on a beautiful homemade quilt to be raffled at our last fish fry on March 23.

A Note For Our Organizations Hosting the Fish Fries

During the past several years hospitality has been the hallmark of each of our Fish Fries. I've had several people approach me asking if we can extend the time of our fish fries. After speaking to several of the organizers it was decided that we will keep our hours as they have been in the past, but we will not start taking down tables and chairs until 7:30 pm.

This will aid greatly to our spirit of hospitality by not rushing our guests who come near closing time. Please let your family and friends know that we do serve until 7:00 pm and that our serving tables will not be taken down until 7:30 pm.

Each week in our bulletin during fish fry season you will find the organizations responsible for hosting the next fish fry. All volunteers are asked to check the schedule posted in the gym just outside the door to the cafeteria for who to check in with for their assigned duties and instructions about procedures such as serving and re-filling drinks, cleaning tables, etc.

We appreciate all you do and hope you will eat with your fellow parishioners, or take home your delicious dinner. Although we cannot provide free meals for our hosting groups, we are still the best deal in town.

Our Parish Council asks everyone to please help us to keep our fish fries ones of hospitality and not of solicitation, nor are any political fliers to be distributed.

Fish Fry T-Shirts Available Now!!

Our Famous Fish Fry's have welcomed many into the Catholic Faith with our kind spirits of hospitality and the love that we show to others. Let us display our Catholic Identity as we serve our parishioners, friends, neighbors and the entire community by wearing a St. Joe Fish Fry T- Shirt!!! T-Shirts are available for \$10.00. Forms are available to fill out in the parish office.

Brad Howard
will be our

Guest Presenter at our

Men's Evening of Lenten Reflection

Attention all Men of the Parish!!! We have a few spots left, call the parish office to reserve your spot! Join our Men's Evening of Lenten Reflection on **Tuesday, February 13** from 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

And Finally

Please see next week's bulletin for a Lenten Message from our Holy Father Pope Francis. I hope it will inspire us all as we enter into our Lenten journey!

"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



&

Happy Anniversary

To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!



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: _____





Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of February 12 - 18

- Monday: Weekday**
Readings: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13
7:00 am: **Communion Service**
- Tuesday: Weekday**
Readings: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
7:00 am: **Herman Neidert**
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday**
Readings: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
7:00 am: **Al Dziewa**
8:05 am: **Laura Tellmann**
7:00 pm: **Dolores Fitzgerald**
- Thursday: Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
7:00 am: **Baechle & Meyer Families**
- Friday: Friday after Ash Wednesday**
Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt
9:14-15
7:00 am: **Craig Schnurbusch**

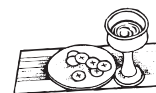
First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Readings: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: **Mary Franklin**
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: **Laura Tellmann**
9:00 am: **Russell Buescher**
10:30 am: **Parishioners**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Sandi Brooks
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Extraordinary Ministers:
Kevin Boatright, Adam Barnhouse,
Mark Halter, Rosetta Halter
Ushers: John Denkler, Gary Harris, Mark Kellogg,
Dylan Kelso
Servers: E. Barnhouse, Z. Kelso, M. Williams
Cantor: Jane Ramos

Sunday, February 18

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Chuck Hayden
Extraordinary Ministers:
Brenda Donze, Tom Donze, Gail Dunn,
Kathy Neiner, Chris Westrich
Ushers: Ed Brown, Dale Jones, Chester Ott,
Ed Wooldridge
Servers: A. Crawford, C. Crawford

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Dawn Fuemmeler
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jane Allen, Rob Grindel,
Jennifer Rhodus, Joe Rhodus
Ushers: Mike Backer, Dan Combs, Jerry Morris,
Dale Springs
Servers: T. Benoist, H. Fingerhut, J. Pikey
Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Vanessa Trokey
Extraordinary Ministers:
Dotty Bach, Marge Dill, Mitch Fuemmeler,
Cindy Kelso, Mike Kelso
Ushers: Corey Hulsey, Frankie Hulsey,
Gerald Hulsey, John Podolak
Servers: C. Cassimatis, C. Howard, C. Sandweg
Cantor: Michele Podolak

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 12, 2018

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| <u>Sacristans</u> | <u>Money Counters</u> |
| Brenda Donze, | Lori King, Ethel Backer, |
| Linda Gillespie, | Anne Crawford, |
| Karen Jones, Jo Rustemeyer | Carol Rigdon |

Congratulations!



*Congratulations, Jake & Mandy Whitener
on the arrival of (Gus) Henry Augustus
on January 24, 2018*

We welcome into our faith
community through Baptism...



Hudson Lee Koppeis
son of Eric and Kelsey Koppeis

"May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to
guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11

Welcome...

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

Carl Holmes

Lindsey and Jason Redmond
and their children Gracie and Chase

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$9,659.75
Loose	\$596.43
Children's Envelopes	\$4.00
Ash Wednesday	\$65.00
Spanish Mass	\$277.05
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$420.00</u>
	\$11,022.23

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,022.23	\$391,202.27
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,125.00</u>	<u>\$388,000.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(1,102.77)	\$3,202.27

Partners in Education	\$365.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$242.00
St. Louis Review	\$90.00
Women of Mary	\$115.00
Our Father's Table	<u>\$429.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,241.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

* This does not include our budgeted Holy Day offerings

Children's Envelopes

My good deed was...

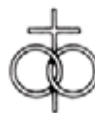


Ava- I helped clean the house with mom.

Wedding Banns

BANN I

**Clarice Brackett &
Chris Ogden**



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

Please pray for: Aileen Lawson, Mark Huels, Fabian Jokerst, Jeff Stroud, **Charmaine McFarland, Ralph Trepasso, Bev Bryant, Julie Bone, Keith Rariden, Mary Schular,** JoAnn Creech, John Byrd, **Ben Schlager,** Jane Bates, Leo Wolk, Katie Conklin, Hazel Boyer, Luann Howard, Jessica Ellis-Lunsford, **Justice Gober,** Opal Wofford, David Welch, Jim Finnegan, **Glenda O'Farrell,** Felicity Green, Clifford Clark, Marc Rosella, **Pat Kernan, Wilma Kernan,** Jimmie McCarver, **Jackie Maloney, Amanda Heberlie,** Robin Wessling, **Steve Kaba, John Carter, Cathy Barron, Joyce Wozniak, Maxine Danieleley, Sue Rariden, Joe Mondello, Warren Lodholz, Margaret Greif, Beulah Carrow, Helen Mell, John Crouch.**

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



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LENTEN OBSERVANCE AND RESOURCES—ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

The Blessing of Ashes should take place within the celebration of the Mass or a scheduled service consisting of at least an appointed Scripture reading and a brief homily stressing the meaning of the ashes as a symbol of penance and self-denial. Please refer to the *Book of Blessing* for additional information that will be of assistance to you in this matter.

In the case of genuine pastoral necessity, Archbishop Carlson has given permission for lay ministers (for example, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) to assist the priest and deacon in the distribution of the blessed ashes.

The Blessing of the Ashes is reserved to the priest or deacon, and priests and deacons should participate in the distribution of the ashes, whenever possible. They are the primary ministers of the ritual.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

(John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday February 14, 2018) and Good Friday (March 30, 2018) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All Fridays in Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

Host Parish Organizations Fish Fry Dates

“Offering the best hospitality in St. Francois County”

February 16

RCIA Team, Candidates and Catechumens, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Finance Board, ACTS community, Respect Life Committee

February 23

School and Preschool Families, School & Preschool Faculty, School Board, Pastoral Council Members, Our Father’s Table



March 2

PSR Families, PSR Faculty, Home school Families, Knights of Columbus, 5:00, 9:00 & 10:30 Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, St. Catherine’s Parishioners

Please note that all groups are asked to work two fish fries

March 9

School and Preschool Families, School & Preschool Faculty, School Board, Pastoral Council Members, Our Father’s Table

March 16

RCIA Team, Candidates and Catechumens, Knights of Columbus, 5:00, 9:00 & 10:30 Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, St. Catherine’s Parishioners



March 23

PSR Families, PSR Faculty, Home school Families, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Finance Board, ACTS community, Respect Life Committee, All Parishioners invited to host!



Ticket Collectors and Money Counters

Ed and Sue Brown, Chairs, and our Money Counter teams

Desserts each week provided by Women of Mary

50/50 Raffle worked by St. Joseph School & PSR Students

Drink Table worked by Confirmation Class and Parish Staff

Beer Booth operated by Knights of Columbus

Quilt Booth operated by Quilters

All parish organizations working on assigned dates are asked to report to the cafeteria at their scheduled time and see the posted schedule for who to report to.

All second shift workers are asked to stay until 7:30 to help take down tables and chairs.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Farmington

Every Friday During Lent



Plan on sharing a great night of fellowship and good food at . . .

St. Joseph School Gym from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

(South Carleton Street in Farmington)

Adults \$9.00, Children (5-10) \$4.00

Children 4 and under FREE

Menu Includes

- Three types of fish: Catfish, Tilapia, and Pollock
- Sides of hush puppies, cole slaw, green beans, stewed tomatoes, french fries, macaroni and cheese and a specialty side dish each week
 - Your choice of tea, coffee or lemonade
- Delicious homemade desserts prepared by Women of Mary

Specialty items each week are:



- February 16** - shrimp
- February 23** - corn on the cob
- March 2** - fried okra
- March 9** - bean casserole
- March 16** - onion rings
- March 23** - shrimp



Attention Yesterday's Kids! Mark Your Calendars!!!



Wednesday, March 14



On **Wednesday, March 14** we have a very special event planned for all of Yesterday's Kids... You got it, **BINGO!!** Last year, we had a great time and we are looking forward to more fun!

Trip to the Capitol! Wednesday, April 11

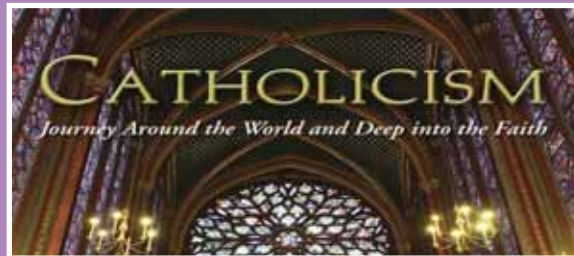
Only \$30!!



Join us one last time, with State Representative Kevin Engler as our guide at the state Capitol, as he finishes his time of service at the Capitol.

Cost is only \$30!!!

- Chartered Bus
- Lunch at Madisons
- Tour of Capitol with Kevin Engler
 - Tour of Governors Mansion
 - Dinner will be on your own



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

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

Join **Deacon Mark Byington** for a 6 week presentation of "A Discussion on Catholicism". The Catholicism a study program prepared by Bishop Barron. The **CATHOLICISM** Study Program presents the strong, ecclesial dimension of the Catholic Faith – God's revelation through Jesus Christ and His Church.

Bishop Robert Barron created this groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

Join us as we discuss the revelation of Jesus as God and the stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus.

**Tuesday evenings from
6:30-8:00 pm in parish center -
led by Deacon Mark Byington**



**Program dates:
February 20 & 27
March 6, 13, 20, 17**

**Please call the parish office to sign up or
send an email to
bulletin@stjosephfarminton.com.**



Do you know the names of the people sitting around you?

Help us to build a tool that will put names with faces. Be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

**Photo Dates:
Feb. 27 - Mar. 3
&
Mar. 6 - 10**

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and free directory for participating!



Sign Up in Parish Center After Today!!!
You can also sign up online by visiting our website
www.stjosephfarmington.com

Lifetouch[®]
Connecting You through Family Photography
www.lifetouch.com

Looking Ahead... Opportunities for Spiritual Growth this Lenten Season



All Day
Reconciliation
March 23
8:00 am - 7:00 pm

According to the Rite of Penance, "It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts" (No. 13)



Mary's Way
of the Cross
Wednesday, March 14
7:15 pm

What a beautiful way for us to meditate on Mary, the Mother of God as she watched her Son give His life for us. Our thanks to the women who will be leading us in the stations and prayer on this evening.

Join Us On Jesus' Sorrowful Way

The 7th and 8th Grade Classes



The Living
Stations
of the Cross

Friday, March 9 • 2:00 and 7:00 pm



Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

BEST LENT EVER

DON'T GIVE UP chocolate FOR LENT

Instead, take a 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself.

Join our parish for Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Every day you'll get ...

Inspirational Videos

Practical Tips

Encouraging Stories

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You are Invited to Participate in CRS Rice Bowl!!!

Lent is our time to encounter, to cultivate a spirit of global solidarity. CRS Rice Bowl is our guide, a vehicle through which the stories of communities around the world can be shared, an invitation through which our prayers and Lenten sacrifices can change lives.

Our Parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program. Rice Bowls will be available **Ash Wednesday** in the back of church. Please be sure to take one home and use this resource to deepen your families Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor. You will be asked **at the offertory at the Mass of the Lord's Supper** to place your boxes or offerings in the basket at the altar.





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February 11, 2018 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The leper who had been cast out was healed. He was suddenly free to interact with others, to dwell with family, to rejoice in the company of friends. He encountered the healing, merciful love of Christ and found new life. The one who healed him, Jesus, was made to stay outside of the towns and villages to which he went, surrounded by people who needed his healing touch. Jesus' love is greater than whatever might trouble us. He looks with compassion on those who are broken, breaking himself open for the sake of others. Jesus puts himself in the place of those who are in need. Those who are on the margins of life or of the faith community are held closely in the loving gaze of the Lord. Those who are ill are assured of God's care and compassion. Those who are weak find strength in Christ, who is ever ready to attend to the needs of the hurting, lost, and broken.

ACT IN FAITH, ACT ON FAITH

In what ways are you isolated, hurting, or broken? Does someone else judge you unfairly? Are there circumstances that are beyond your control that overwhelm you or dictate the way you live your life? The Lord waits for your call, your cry in faith. Do you know the healing, compassionate, caring love of God for you, in prayer, sacraments, or the attention of others? Witness to the powerful love of God through your attitudes and words, your actions and interactions with others. Imitate Christ. Show mercy to others. Be a healing presence when relationships are torn apart. Have you encountered the love of God in your life? Give witness to this love at home, work, parish, and the world. Give glory to God as you act on faith.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1;
Mk 1:40-45

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

Coming up in our Parish...



February 10-11
Religious Item Sale



February 13
Men's Lenten Night



February 14
Ash Wednesday



February 16
First Fish Fry



March 10
Trivia Night



March 29-31
Holy Triduum



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

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering

Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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 13

Men's Lenten Night
6:30 pm • Parish Center

Wednesday • February 14

PSR
6:00 pm • School

No Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • February 15

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

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

Friday • February 16

Fish Fry
4:00 - 7:00 pm • School Gym

Stations of the Cross
2:00 & 7:00 pm • Church



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 **Sue Brown, Anne Wulfers, Ann Lutsch, Sarah Greif, and Lisa Pratte** for a great meal and dessert last week!!

This week's topic will be:
Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

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Save the Date...

Trivia Night
Saturday, March 10



St. Catherine of Alexandria

Wednesday, February 14
Saturday, February 17

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Celebrant

Feb. 14 - Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Feb. 17 - Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Lector

Feb. 14 - Betty Vogt
Feb. 17 - Rosie Eck

Adult Collection \$510.00
Ash Wednesday \$10.00
Total **\$520.00**

Extraordinary Ministers

Linda Smith & Agnes Herzog

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919

Offertory Bearers

Tom & Linda Smith

“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”!!!

Happy Anniversary

Denny & Agnes Herzog

Mass Intention

Feb. 14 - Edwin Rottler Family
Feb. 17 - Susie Calvin

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

♥ February 14 ♥