

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri

April 22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Congratulations to Our Young Adults
Who Received the Sacrament
of Confirmation on April 10th*

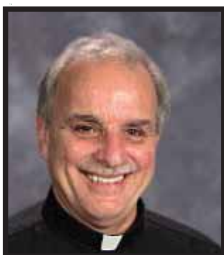


Seated left to right: Kathryn, Alyssa, Kristina, Mary,
Olivia, Miah, Kate, Kaylee, Molly, Emma.

Standing left to right: Mrs. Bieser, Mrs. Jordan, Kirk, Madelyn,
Talon, Ethan, Ava, Deacon Mark Byington, Msgr. Stehly, Fr. Rickey Valleroy,
Isaiah, Jaysen, Riley, Mrs. Williams, Mrs Ramos.

"Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! He gives us the courage to swim against the tide. Pay attention, my young friends: to go against the current; this is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this courage!...We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for little things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals, my dear young people!"

- Holy Mass and Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation,
St. Peter's Square, April 28, 2013. Pope Francis



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Our Women of Mary Retreat has been Cancelled

I am truly sorry, but due to an outpatient procedure at Barnes on Monday, April 30 I will not be able to host the retreat day as I had hoped on May 2. I will need a few days to recover after the procedure. I will be having a brain angiogram done to see where the coils are now located and to make certain that the aneurysm is doing OK. I will be away from the parish the week of April 30 for a few days for recovery.

I was really excited for you to see the new pavilion at the farm dedicated to my mother and the beautiful refurbished set of Stations of the Cross our Knights did this past summer. We are planning to reschedule the retreat day for this fall. This would have been our 13th annual Spring Retreat day to start the month of May in honoring our Blessed Mother.

More information about a different date will be chosen in the next few days. Watch for an announcement of a new date in a coming bulletin.

ACA Pledges Can be Made the Weekend of April 28 & 29

Our parish is extremely grateful to **Jim and Denise Gober** chairing this year's appeal. Tables will be set up in our parish center **the Weekend of April 28 & 29** to sign your pledge cards.

This annual campaign raises funds needed for many of the critical services provided by the Archdiocese for the poor, the elderly, the sick, and the children (born and unborn). **Please, let us open our hearts to those most in need of our generosity to God.**

BeOne, Bright Start, St. Joseph's and the Philippines

Please see pages 8 & 9 of this weeks bulletin to see all of the wonderful work being done, with our annual donations from our Men's Lenten Night in the Philippines, through our partnership with the Bright Start organization. You will find a list of projects and all of the schools/centers receiving help because of your generous giving!

Last Chance to Order Bricks for the Infant Memorial

So often when a parent experiences the loss of a child through miscarriage or abortion there is no place for them to grieve such a heavy loss.

Parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited to purchase a memorial brick in memory of their little loved one. Some of the bricks will bear the names of children who died from abortion, some in memory of children who died early in pregnancy, and others in memory of children who died in infancy or before the natural death of the parents.

These forever lasting memorial 4" x 8" black granite, etched bricks are available to all registered and active parishioners at the cost of only \$100 each. Those wishing to have a photo or drawing etched in addition to the wording may do so for an additional \$50. Non-parishioners or non-active parishioners may purchase a 4" x 8" brick for \$150. Our sincere thanks to **Kevin Hale of Eternal Etchings** for the beautiful design of the memorial.

The Infant Memorial will always be a space for parents to renew their faith in the embrace of the Lord's love. If you are interested in purchasing a memorial brick, **please call the parish office no later than May 4.**



PSR Registration Due Soon for 2018-2019 School Year

Registration for the upcoming 2018-2019 PSR school year is due on or before **Wednesday, April 25**. If you are enrolling a child for the first time and your child was not baptized at St. Joseph's, a copy of their Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration. The fee for the classes, which helps to cover the cost of the textbooks and a small stipend for the catechists, is as follows: **1 child: \$100.00, 2 children: \$150.00, 3 or more children: \$175.00. If enrollment does not take place on or before April 25 the fee will increase by \$10.00.** Please contact **Lisa** at the parish office with any questions at **756-4250**.

Parish Leadership Positions... Is God calling you to serve our Parish Pastoral Council?

It is that time of the year when new positions will open up for some leadership positions in our parish. Our Parish Council will have four openings this spring.

I hope that you will take some time to prayerfully reflect if God is calling you to serve our parish in one of these leadership roles. **We need individuals who want to serve...those who hold a vision for the future.** These key roles are for people of prayer and for individuals who are willing to become considerably involved in the parish, in its life and activities. These positions require a greater commitment in time and energy than just attending monthly meetings. **Is God calling you to serve your parish?** Please give it some prayerful discernment!

Plants for the Greenhouse at Our Annual Parish Picnic!

We will again have our **St. Joseph Greenhouse** this year. This is where you can donate houseplants, bulbs, seedlings, anything from your garden that can be planted. **Do your lilies, hydrangeas, irises, flowers need thinning?** If so, we would love to have them to sell at our greenhouse! Contact **Debbie Black** at 756-8185.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Summer Camp

The purpose of Kenrick-Glennon Days is to help boys think about what God wants to do in their life. This mission will be accomplished through cool talks and activities, by introducing them to priests and seminarians, giving them a taste of seminary life, and by providing the information and support they need to make the best decision.

Kenrick-Glennon Days 2018 will be held at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis Session I will be held **June 4-6, 2018** for students in grades 6 and 7. Session II will be held **June 7-9, 2018** for students in grades 8 and 9. For more information visit www.archstl.org.

Our Annual Cemetery Appeal

Each year we have an envelope in our **May** package for our cemetery, **Calvary Cemetery**, located on H Highway. This special collection is used for the year round maintenance of our cemetery as well as the summer mowing and clean up. Please be generous to this special collection, for our cemetery is truly a sacred and consecrated space that holds the bodies of our loved ones awaiting resurrection day.

And Finally. . . Congratulations to Our Young Adults who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation!

On Tuesday, April 10, our parish had the honor of witnessing 18 young adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that God will fill their hearts, grant them peace that only He can offer and be their guiding light all the days of their life.

"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

**ALL Parishioners. . .
We Need YOU!!**
for an ole' fashioned
Spring Cleaning!



**Saturday, May 5
@ 8:00 am**



We need your help to give our beautiful grounds a good spring sprucing up! We are very proud of our facilities and grounds and want to keep them maintained.

***"A great way to respond
to the call of your Baptism"***

~Fr. Rickey

Our Pastoral Team

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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

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

10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

Sacramental Life

Daily Mass Tuesday thru Friday..... 8:00 am

Communion Services on Mondays.....8:00 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!!!



Let us pray for those who share weekly in our Eucharistic Celebration and who are carrying the gift of life. . .

Jami (Abe) AuBuchon

Jamie (Chris) Conway

Andrea (Daniel) Halek

Angela (Chris) Paroski

Nikki (James) Sheets

**Kelsea (Nick) Hulseay
(waiting for adoption)**

If you are carrying the gift of life and would like the prayers of your parish family please call the parish office.



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of April 23-29

- Monday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:1-10
8:00 am: **Communion Service**
- Tuesday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
8:00 am: **Paul Raymer**
- Wednesday: St. Mark, Evangelist**
Readings: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
8:00 am: **Communion Service**
- Thursday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25,
27; Jn 13:16-20
8:00 am: **Nicole & Ryan Dowell & Family**
- Friday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
8:00 am: **Jerry Bush**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

- Saturday:**
5:00 pm: **Harold Rustemeyer Family**
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: **Kreitler Family**
9:00 am: **Deceased Members of Greif Family**
10:30 am: **St. Joseph Parishioners**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, April 28

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Charlotte Vander Bol
Extraordinary Ministers:
Kevin Boatright, Risha Gaines, Mark Halter,
Rosetta Halter
Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, John Denkler,
Gary Harris, Don Trokey
Servers: L. Gaines, A. Vaughn, M. Williams
Cantor: Terry Guiley

Sunday, April 29

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Chuck Hayden
Extraordinary Ministers:
Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Steve Forsythe,
Melissa Mitchell
Ushers: Ed Brown, Dale Jones, Chester Ott,
Phil Roth
Servers: L. Busenbark, C. Watson

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Jennifer Rhodus
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jana Dore, Mitch Fuemmeler, Cindy Kelso,
Joe Rhodus, Jayne Wooldridge
Ushers: Dan Combs, Dylan Kelso, Mike Kelso,
Mike Ward
Servers: C. Brown, K. Wade, K. Wade
Cantor: Dawn Fuemmeler

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Chad Speakar
Extraordinary Ministers:
Shirley Bieser, Charles Boyd, Rita Boyd,
Phyllis La Plant, Jill Patton
Ushers: Bob Bone, Frankie Hulsey, Gerald Hulsey,
Chris McTearnen
Servers: A. Werner, G. Werner, K. Werner
Cantor: As Scheduled

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, April 23, 2018

Sacristans

Pat Boatright, Rita Boyd,
Charlotte Vander Bol,
Ann Lutsch

Money Counters

Pam Brickler, Ethel Backer,
Anne Crawford,
Carol Rigdon



Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Adult Envelopes	\$10,851.10
Loose	\$566.95
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
Electronic Deposit	<u>\$402.50</u>
	\$11,821.55

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,821.55	\$515,887.66
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,125.00</u>	<u>\$509,250.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$(303.45)	\$6,637.66

Partners in Education	\$50.00
Retired Religious	\$25.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$65.00
Respect Life	\$160.00
Seminaries	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$320.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

* This does not include our budgeted Holy Day offerings



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



8th Grade Graduation
May 18, 2018 • 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Little Saints Catholic Preschool




Graduation
May 20, 2018 • 9:00 am Mass



Welcome

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

Mardy Preston & her daughters
Angela and Aliyah



"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." – JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

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

Please pray for: Patty Vester, Townsend Family, Steve Laird, **Jim Weiland**, **Bev Bryant**, **Carl Pruetzel**, Danny Clark, John Neiner, Shanda Arnold, **Lesley Hughes**, Jeanette Wallach, Marlene Wallace, **Ron Brooks**, Mark Huels, Jewell Cox, Christina Servi, Charleigh Hayes, **Jerri Jane Johnson**, Kevin Watson, **Ben Schlager**, **Loretta Forsythe**, Danny Clark, Raymond Guenther, Jonathan Rodriguez, Stephanie Westrup, **Charmaine McFarland**, **Ralph Trepasso**, Karolina Kemp, Oliver Abts, Tom Hunting, Sara Hershberger, **John Carter**, Joshua VanderBol, Noel VanderBol, **Ed Thebeau**, Tibby Martin, Mike Shain, Ali Pennick, Jim Hill, Katie Tyler, Richard Holmes, **Rose Smith**, Buffy Santel.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 22, 2018



I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

On this fourth Sunday of the Easter season, the focus shifts from recalling the appearances of the resurrected Jesus toward considering Jesus in light of primary images in scripture. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the intimate bond between the Good Shepherd and the flock and how they know and recognize each other. The Letter of John describes the intimacy of God as Father and humanity as God's children, who recognize and love each other. In our reading from Acts, Peter tells of the religious leaders who didn't know or recognize their God when they encountered Jesus, and so crucified him. Our readings invite us to listen for our God, active in our daily lives, and to open ourselves to the intimacy that our Good Shepherd seeks with us. God also empowers us to then extend this intimacy out into the world, through our care for others.

LAY DOWN MY LIFE

In the Old Testament, God is described many times as the shepherd of the people of Israel. So when Jesus claims this image of God to describe himself, it is startling even to his disciples. In today's Gospel, he takes the image one step beyond the Old Testament: as the Good Shepherd, he is to "lay down his life." This phrase is stated, with slight variation, five times in today's short passage. Jesus is describing the meaning of his life and of his death. With firm roots in the story of Israel and their God, Jesus is now starting a new chapter. He is helping his disciples make sense of his death on the cross, and to describe how to follow this particular shepherd. When Jesus lays down his life, he is revealing the infinite love that he and the Father have for the flock. To follow Jesus, to be a part of Jesus' flock, means participating in that same sacrificial love.

ONE FLOCK

Jesus adds another feature to the shepherd imagery, which was also disturbing to his disciples. He refers to "other sheep which do not belong to this fold," who will become part of the same flock. This likely refers to the Gentiles, to all peoples beyond Israel. The Shepherd extends his flock, but emphasizes that there is still only one flock. Jesus spoke forcefully and frequently, especially in the Gospel of John, of the importance of unity among those who follow him. We who follow Jesus are expected to embrace the "other sheep," to respect and celebrate differences among Christians. We are expected to learn from one another. All those things that seem to divide Jesus's followers in culture, ethnicity, or history of conflict fade in comparison with the deeper unity of the one flock under one Shepherd. Living in unity is essential for us to be faithful and credible witnesses of Christ to the world.

Today's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 - Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Dear Fr. Rickey,

I would like to thank your parish family of St. Joseph's for the \$5000 check we have received.

Attached is the list of projects from March 2018 - February 2019. It is a long list and I am very much honored to do these outreach projects.

What I am particularly happy to note is that we have a number of new beneficiaries and we have 2 new programs. First, we would like to include mental health programs for the youth since this has become a global issue. I have partnered with a psychologist / registered guidance counselor. Second, I have met the president of the Mandaue Blind Association and she has informed me of the need for canes for the members. I have spread the distribution of the canes for the month of April, July, October, and December. That way, it would be feasible to distribute the canes to the members.

Thank you Fr. Rickey for your generous donation. Please extend my heartfelt appreciation to all parishioners. Because of you, so many students and persons with disabilities living in dire circumstances can benefit from the projects.

Prayerful gratitude,
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March 2018

April 2018

This collage features several photos: a fire scene with the caption 'Las Piñas fire rages 575 homes', a group of people, and a group of people in a room. Text includes 'Thank you Fr. Rickey and St. Joseph Catholic Church', the 'SHARE-THE-LOVE' logo, 'Bright Start', 'Las Piñas, Metro Manila', 'March 26, 2018', and 'PIC-COLLAGE'.

This collage features photos of people, some with canes. Text includes 'Thank you Fr. Rickey and St. Joseph Catholic Church!', the 'ACCESS PROJECT' title, 'Bright Start Angels', 'Mandaue Blind Association', 'Cebu', 'April 11, 2018', the 'Bright Start' logo, and 'PIC-COLLAGE'.

This collage features photos of a school building and a path. Text includes 'Thank you Fr. Rickey and St. Joseph Catholic Church!', the 'SHARE-THE-LOVE' logo, 'Bright Start', 'Langub Elementary School', 'Kinatarcan Island, Sta. Fe, Cebu', 'April 6, 2018', and 'PIC-COLLAGE'.

See what the \$5,000.00 raised at our annual Men's Lenten Night does for those in need in the Philippines!



2018-19 Projects



- Assistance will be given to the families of the students that were affected by the fire that gutted 500 houses near San Isidro Labrador Church early this month.
 - Top 10 students per level will be given some grocery items for a job well done. Furthermore, the vegetable garden that was started last September 2017 will be expanded.
 - Distribute at least 5 walking canes to the members of the Manadue Blind Association.
 - Bright Start beneficiaries (i.e. children with special needs) will be given occupational therapy consultation and home instruction programs. They will also be given grocery items and financial assistance for medications and vitamins.
 - Pencils, books and school resources will be given to the preschoolers, students and teachers.
 - As part of the Dental Month, dental hygiene kits will be distributed to the preschoolers.
 - As part of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week, assistance will be given to the SPED students for their presentations and for the center such that the teachers will have more resources in their classrooms.

Over a Dozen Schools and Centers Benefit from your Generous Giving!

San Isidro Labrador Learning Center
Las Piñas City, Metro Manila

Langub Elementary School
Kinatarcan Island, Sta. Fe, Cebu

Mandaue Blind Association
Mandaue City, Cebu

Barangay Apas
Cebu City, Cebu

St. Augustine Academy
Coron, Palawan

SPED Kapatagan East Central School
Lanao del Norte

Malolos Marine Fishery School and Laboratory
Malolos, Bulacan

Lahug Elementary School – SPED Center
Cebu City

Almanza Elementary School
Las Piñas, Metro Manila

Baybay I Central Elementary School SPED
Baybay, Leyte

Mother of Perpetual Help Day Care
Barangay Apas, Cebu City, Cebu

Barangay Apas
Cebu City, Cebu

Barangay Langub
Sta. Fe, Cebu

Catbalogan I SPED Center
Catbalogan, Samar

Please join us for a very special event: The Conversation

The parishes of the Sainte Genevieve Deanery host...

THE CONVERSATION: A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Issues

Presented by the Roman Catholic Foundation

**This
Saturday!**

Conversations about illness, death and dying are never easy. Whether death comes suddenly or after a prolonged illness, most of us are not comfortable discussing our medical wishes or end-of-life plans with our loved ones. However, being prepared ensures that your final wishes are followed. It is important for you and your loved ones to understand the Church's teachings on end-of-life decisions. Advance planning on your part keeps your family from having to make these difficult decisions.

This free seminar is for people of all ages and life situations: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents and those facing illness or death. There will be no solicitation at this event.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ***Principles of Catholic Bioethics***, Priest Theologian
 - Ordinary and Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life
 - Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person
- ***Advance Directives & Estate Planning***, Brian McNamara, J.D.
- ***Charitable Gift Planning***, Michael Weisbrod, Roman Catholic Foundation
- ***Funeral & Cemetery Planning***, Priest or Deacon
 - Includes Anatomical Donation & Cremation

Saturday, April 28, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(lunch provided)

St. Joseph Parish
 Parish Center
 10 North Long Street
 Farmington, MO 63640

Give the gift of ***planning*** to your family.
 Prepare to have ***The Conversation*** with your loved ones.

To reserve your place today, please visit rcfstl.org or call 314.918.2892.



Plan with heart. Invest for good.



Vacation Bible School
Save the Date
June 4-8, 2018

8th-12th grade

YOUTH GROUP

Sign Up 7th Graders

Calling all 7th Graders

Next Meeting
April 29th

Upcoming Meetings & Events
Pot-Luck After 10:30 Moss-TBD

We invite all 7th graders in PSR and St. Joseph School to our meetings/events to close out this year and prepare for next year.

Sign Up Now
 Wanting to receive text of upcoming meetings? Text @stjyouth7 to the number 81010

Youth Group Leaders- Jake and Mandy Whitener

A billboard with a close-up photo of a baby's face on the left. The right side has a teal background with white text: 'I am a Blessing from God' and 'Choose Life!' in a blue oval.

April Respect Life Billboard is The Son of Amy & Chris Martin

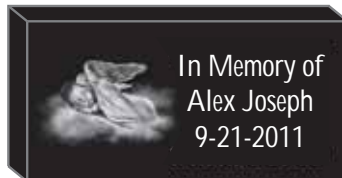
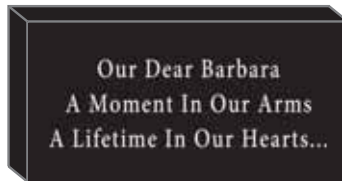


Mineral Area College
Plant Sale
 April 30 - May 4
 Mon. & Tue. 8-6; Wed - Fri. 8-3
 Annual flowers, ferns, baskets, and vegetable plants. Come early!



Additional Bricks to be Placed at our Infant Memorial in Time for Mother's Day

If you are mourning the loss of a child, either through natural death or miscarriage, we will be placing new memorial bricks in time for Mother's Day weekend. Below are just a sample of the bricks that are placed at our infant memorial. A special thanks to our **Respect Life Committee** for their dedication to the upkeep and maintenance of this beautiful memorial. This Sacred Space is dedicated to all the children born and unborn who are now sharing the joys of eternal life in the Kingdom of God. We are truly blessed with this sacred space for parents to come, to pray, and to grieve for their child.



All engraving is done by our parishioner Kevin Hale of Eternal Etchings. If you would like help in designing your brick or tile contact the parish office for suggestions and ideas.



Infant Memorial Request

- Yes, I would like to purchase a 4" x 8" granite brick in the Infant Memorial for \$100.
- I would like to add a photo or drawing on the brick for an additional \$50.
(Please attach the photo or drawing you would like to use.)

Name/Words to be engraved on brick: _____

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Please drop off your Infant Memorial Request form and payment at the parish office **BEFORE May 4, 2018**. If you need financial assistance to purchase a memorial brick, please see Fr. Rickey.

OUR GARDEN CLUB NEEDS YOU... NO GREEN THUMBS NEEDED!

The Garden Club is looking for anyone interested in helping to maintain our flower pots around church during the summer. Volunteers would only have one week during the summer to be responsible to water the flowers. We have no meetings! If you are interested in helping out, call or email **Pat Boatright** at (756-4169) boat.pab75@gmail.com or **Dotty Bach** (756-1357); we will be making out the schedule in the next few weeks.



Fr. Chris Martin
at a Steubenville
Youth Conference

WORLD DAY
of PRAYER
for
VOCATIONS

That Christian parents will happily encourage their children to remain open to the priesthood or consecrated life. We pray to the Lord.

APRIL 22, 2018
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

WWW.WORLDDAYOFPRAYERFORVOCATIONS.COM

2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Coming up in our Parish...



April 29
Our Father's Table



May 5
Parish Clean-Up



May 6
Senior Breakfast



May 18
8th Grade Graduation



June 4 - 8
Vacation Bible School



June 23 - 24
Parish Picnic



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

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' love and care for us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to be "Good Shepherds" to the hearts of the poor, to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

**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 24

HASA Meeting
6:00 pm • Gym

Wednesday • April 25

Prayer Shawl
9:00 am • Parish Center

PSR
6:00 pm • School

Rosary
7:15 pm • Church

Thursday • April 26

Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am • Church

RCIA
6:00 pm • Parish Center

Saturday • April 28

**The Conversation:
End of Life Issues**
10:00 am • Church



With Our Heartfelt Thanks...

Our RCIA Leaders, Team and participants would like to thank **Charlotte Vanderbol, Helen Thurman, Nick & Kelsea Hulse, Carol Rigdon and Cathy Holmes** brought food last week. It is greatly appreciated by us all!

This week's topic will be:
The Laity: Your Special Gifts

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays

8:30 am - 6:30 pm

First Friday of the month

9:00 am - 2:15 pm

The Son of God, made known to Saints Peter, James and John, by Our Heavenly Father is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament so that we may speak and listen to Him in the silence of our hearts and like St. Peter say: "Lord it is good that we are here." (Mt:17:4)

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CD of the Week:

The Treasure of Our Soul: The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Scott Hahn, internationally known theologian and author, explains the inestimable value of the Creed as a sure means of communicating the life-giving faith of the Apostles and as an indispensable source of unity for the Church. Dr. Hahn also brings to light how the Creed has served as a time-tested wellspring of meditation by which a believer can deepen his or her relationship with Christ, making it, in the words of St. Ambrose, "the treasure of our soul."

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St. Catherine of Alexandria



Saturday, April 28

Celebrant

Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector

Bobby Eck

Extraordinary Ministers

Helen McDaniel &
Joyce Heberlie

Offertory Bearers

Alex & Alyssa Trautman

Mass Intention

Florence Forgey

Saturday 7:30 pm Mass

Coffman, Missouri
Founded in 1887
Canonical Parish 1919

Happy Anniversary

April 22

Marion & Mary Ann Webery

Happy Birthday

April 25

Ava Cartee

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Saturday, April 14

Adult Collection.....	\$125.00
Loose.....	\$25.00
Total.....	\$150.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness

Mark your Calendar...

Annual Catholic Appeal

Saturday April 28, following Mass.

Join us for cookies and bars!



“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