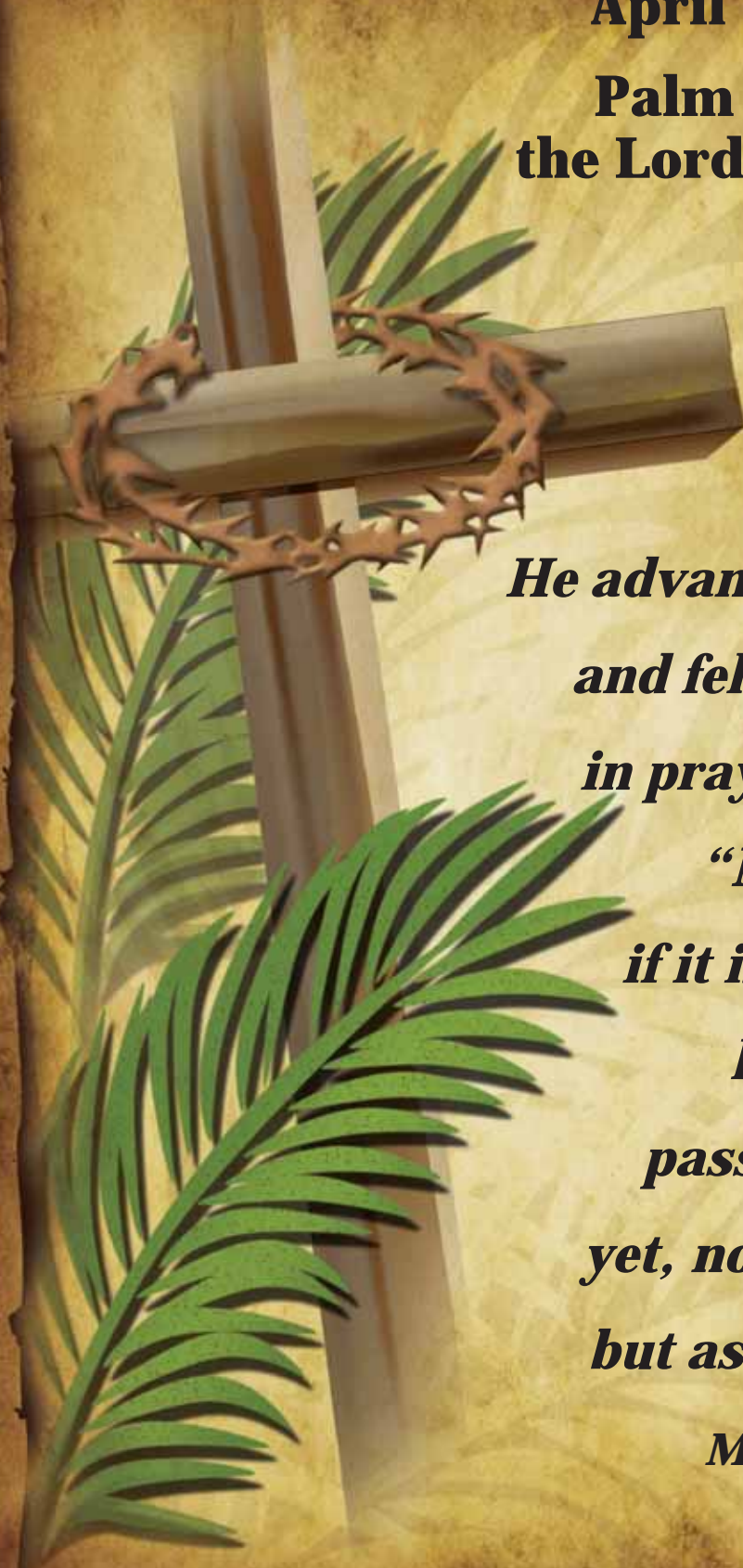


St. Joseph Catholic Church

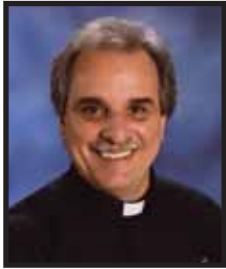
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**April 17th, 2011
Palm Sunday of
the Lord's Passion**



*He advanced a little
and fell prostrate
in prayer saying,
“My Father,
if it is possible,
let this cup
pass from me;
yet, not as I will,
but as you will.”*

Matthew 26:39



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

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 **Thursday morning at 10:00 am** at the New Cathedral Basilica on Lindell Blvd, the mother church of our Archdiocese, **Archbishop Robert Carlson** will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** with all of the priests of our Archdiocese. This Mass is 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. They are soothing, strengthening, and sanctifying oils.

Oil of the Catechuminate: 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 also used for healing and that is its primary significance when used in the Sacrament of the Sick. When anointing a sick person, 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 - still done in England. 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.

Fr. Dyer and I will join Archbishop Carlson in the celebration of the **Chrism Mass** on Thursday morning and will bring back to our parish a portion of these oils for our use throughout the coming year.

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.

I sincerely invite you to the celebration of the Chrism Mass, especially if you have never attended before. This is an awesome opportunity to enter the "holiness" of our Holy Week even more.

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 **2011th** 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.

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.

"Bit of Comfort" Dinner For Those who Mourn...

A very special evening being planned "The Gift of Grief"

For those who mourn the loss of a loved one, we invite you to a very special evening just for you. This year's Easter season's "Bit of Comfort" dinner will be held on **Wednesday, April 27th** at 5:30 pm in our Parish Center. This year's guest speaker will be **Mary Smith**, a very engaging speaker who will speak on the "Celebrate Life". It truly promises to be an evening of prayer, comfort, and hope. A meal will be provided by our **Women of Mary** and the evening will end with some laughter from the entertainment committee (me). For those who have recently lost a loved one, please mark your calendar for we hope that you will join us for this special evening to find COMFORT and HOPE in the beautiful message of the Gospel this Easter season.

Please Help Support Our School

In the center of today's bulletin you will find a "Keep Our Stars Shining Bright" raffle ticket and a return addressed envelope. Our goal this year is to sell all 400 tickets. Please consider purchasing a ticket yourself or going with some others to buy one. Simply fill out the form and enclose it with your check in the pre addressed enveloped and mail it in.

Announcement of Our New Teachers for the 2011-2012 School Year

It is with great joy that I share with you the announcements made by our principal, **Mrs. Susie Rohrer**, in her column this week. We were thrilled to have six candidates apply for the two positions open in our school. Please see Mrs. Rohrer's article on page 8.

And Finally. . .

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


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.

Please take the time this week to enter into the "holiness" that this Holy Week offers us. Please try to make it a priority for you and for your family to attend all three days of the Triduum.

"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

Please note that we will not have the 7:00 am morning mass this Thursday and 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 12:00 am

Good Friday

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

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Mass.....7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

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Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday 7:00 am
Friday (All School Mass Aug-May) 8:05 am
Sunday 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

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 7:30 am through Closing Prayer Service at 5:20 pm. First Fridays of the month from 8:30 am through Closing Prayer Service at 2:15 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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



Happy Birthday



April 17th

**Connie Grindel
Paula Karl
Marvin Seaton
Andrew Willis**

April 20th

**Paul Gaines
Michael Mattingly
Cynthia Werner**

April 22nd

**Clarice Brackett
Suzanne Castro
Meleah Lara
Billy O'Farrell**

April 21st

**Piper Cruse
Molly Greif
Ron LaPlant
Isa Sippo**

April 19th

**Maureen Borrego
Jay Ellis
Jim Gaines**

April 23rd

**Nancy Boyd
Bianca Haffner
Spencer Hoffmeister
Tyler Umfleet**

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.



Happy Anniversary



April 18th, 1993

Keith & Donna Ratliff

April 21st, 1993

Chad & Tracy Busenbark

April 18th, 1949

Edsel & Dorothy Wade

April 21st, 1979

Billy & Glenda O'Farrell

April 20th, 1991

Mike & Cynthia Greif

April 22nd, 2006

Matthew & Anne Abt



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of April 18th - 24th, 2011

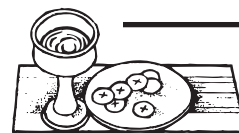
- Monday: Monday of Holy Week**
Readings: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11
7:00 am: **Communion Service**
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week**
Readings: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17
Jn 13:21-33,36-38
7:00 am: **David Price**
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week**
Readings: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
Mt 26:14-25
7:00 am: **Rose Aubuchon**
- Thursday: Holy Thursday**
Readings: Is 61:1-3a,6a,8b-9 Ps 89:21-22,25,27
Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21
7:00 pm: **Jokerst & Montroy Families**
- Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**
Readings: Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
- Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord**
- Saturday: Easter Vigil**
Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,26-31a
Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35
Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10
8:00 pm **Parishioners**
- Sunday:**
Readings: Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
7:30 am: **Paul Raymer**
9:00 am: **Cecelia, Perry & P.J. Trokey**
10:30 am: **Ryan & Nicole Dowell Family**

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

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

A warm welcome to all of you who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you would like more information on becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 756-4250. Our Parish serves the needs of the community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick. If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again.

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, April 23rd

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg
Lectors: Phyllis LaPlant, Chuck Hayden,
Jim Eaton, John Crouch
- Extraordinary Ministers:**
Walt and Debbie Douglas, Agnes Hinkebein
- Ushers:** Buddy Bordewick, Donald Boyd,
James Cissell, John Denkler
- Servers:** as scheduled

Sunday, April 24th

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Bob Lowery
- Extraordinary Ministers:**
Steve Forsythe, Chris Westrich,
Jack and Kathy Neiner
- Ushers:** Jack Neiner, Chester Ott,
Phil Roth, Ed Weidenbenner
- Servers:** G. Schultz, N. Westrich

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Charlotte Vander Bol
- Extraordinary Ministers:**
George and Sandi Kracke, Rob Grindel,
Kevin Boatright
- Ushers:** Mike Ward, Dan Combs,
John England, George Kracke
- Servers:** L. England, J. Bone, A. England

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Phyllis LaPlant
- Extraordinary Ministers:**
Katie Rhodes, Isa Sippo, Austin Robert,
Jill Robert, Theresa Aubuchon
- Ushers:** Mark Bieser, Bob Bone,
Tom Freeman, Roy Henson
- Servers:** H. Vargo, N. Cassimatis, S. Lyons-Jahn

Monday, April 18th, 2011

Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Connie Grindel,
Marie Herman, Jo Rustemeyer

Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie Maloney,
Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon



There will be no rosary this week due to carpet cleaning in the church.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers. . .

We pray for the repose of the soul of



Wanda "Lee" Spink Heflin
daughter of Bertha Gastreich

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



Everyone is invited to the next **Our Father's Table**

TODAY
Sunday, April 17th
4:00 - 6:00 pm

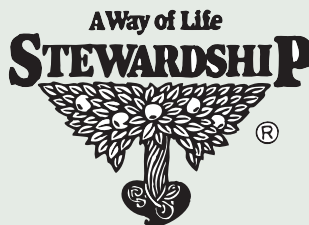
Tonight we will be enjoying BBQ pork steaks, potatoes au gratin, corn on the cob and dinner salad. Please invite anyone you know that may be in need of a great homemade meal served with love and compassion to join us. The entrance to Our Father's Table is on Carleton Street.

Easter Parish Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed this **Friday, April 22nd for Good Friday**. We will reopen with normal hours at 8:00 am on **Monday, April 25th**.

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Due to the holiday printing deadlines we could not include the offerings for April 10th in this issue. They will be published in next week's bulletin.



"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear..." - Isaiah 50:4

God will open our ears every day so that we may know His will. We simply need to make it a spiritual practice to constantly ask God to give us the grace to hear and follow Him. Archbishop Carlson recommends that we pray every day, "Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts that you have given me?"

Fish Fry Thank You's

We would like to thank the following business for their generous donations to our Lenten Fish Fries.



Bluff City Beer
Buffalo Wild Wings
Reeves Rush Hour



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

Please pray for: **Kathy Moorman**, Jeanette Wallach, **Mary Lou Lodholz**, Sam Pusateri, Tom Simmons, **Joe Hoffmeister**, Noel Vander Bol, Walker Johns, Susan Nekula, Kathryn Lorenz, Tracy Beussink, Karen Wahoff, Tom Bates, Mildred Olmsted, Breaua Brakefield, Dan Deer, Johnny Gibbs, Bill Visnovske, Doris (Doey) Mell, **Clara Leier**, Savanna Weston, Raymond Guenther, Kelly Manion, Bobbi Abel, Katie Grechus, **Margaret Greif**, **Bob Medley**, Beth (Schnurbusch) Nielsen, Eric Freeberg, Thelma Bohs, Jayme C., **Linda Bordewick**, Ruth Ratican, Randy McMahan, Richard Thomlison, **Paul Gremminger**, **Edsel Wade**, **Tom Rigdon**, Kathy Krechnyak, **Jerry McDermott**, **Mary Beth Baker**, **Marilyn Trokey**, **Gerald Ellis**.

If you need to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Pat Boatright at 756-4169.

Yesterday's Kids **Trip to Historic Ste. Genevieve**

With our very own "homegrown" tour guides! Please join us

Wednesday, May 11th, 2011

as we tour the historic village of Ste. Genevieve perched on the west bank of the Mississippi River settled in the late 1740s.

All tours and a buffet lunch for only **\$25** per person!



Join my group and I'll explain the nightlife of the town in the 50's.

Join my group and I'll tell you about the other side of the tracks.

I will let you sit on the front porch of a stately Ste. Gen home.

Meet our tour guides for the day, our very own Ste. Gen Girls! **Jackie Maloney, Ginger Baechle, and Sue Brown** will tell us about their days growing up as we walk around the square. The day will also include a special genealogy presentation by Fr. Rickey!

- View a **video presentation** about the history of St. Genevieve at the Welcome Center.
- Guided tour of the **Bolduc Home** - built in 1792, an authentically restored French Colonial home.
- Guided tour of the **Felix Valle House** - a state historic site constructed in 1818 in the Federal-style.
- Guided tour of the **Ste. Gen Catholic Church** - completed in 1880 and home to a hexagonal apse.
 - Buffet lunch at the **Anvil** - home of the famous onion rings and chicken gizzards!
- **Ste. Genevieve Museum** - containing local memorabilia such as prehistoric and historic Indian relics.
 - Guided tour of the **Guilboud House** - built in 1806 with "posts on a sill" construction.
 - Free time for **shopping** at the numerous art galleries and shops or enjoy a glass of wine!



Yesterday's Kids Trip to Ste. Genevieve

Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 • \$25 per person due with registration, money must be turned into the parish office by **Wednesday, May 4th**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____



This Week in Our Parish

- Tues 04/19 **Liturgy Committee Meeting**
7:00 pm • Parish Center
- Wed 04/20 **PSR Classes**
6:00 pm • School
- Baptism Prep Class**
6:00 pm • Library
- NO Parish Rosary**
- Bible Timeline**
7:30 pm • Parish Center
- Thurs 04/21 **NO Eucharistic Adoration**
- Mass of the Lord's Supper**
7:00 pm • Church
- Altar of Repose (Adoration)**
After Mass of the Lord's Supper
until 12:00 am • Parish Center
- Friday 4/22 **Stations of the Cross**
1:00 pm • Church
- The Lord's Passion**
7:00 pm • Church
- Sat 4/23 **Easter Vigil**
8:00 pm • Church

Collin Huitt

Qualifies for Duke University Academic State Recognition



As part of the Duke University Talent Identification Program, Collin Huitt was invited to take the ACT as a seventh grader. Based on his scores, Collin has been awarded State Recognition. This award is given to students who score at

or above the national average of their peers. Collin will be invited to a special recognition ceremony held at a university in Missouri.

In addition to state recognition, Collin's scores qualify him for the 2011 Academy for Summer Studies. The Academy is an intense and demanding three-week session where students are challenged to think critically about themselves and their world. Collin may choose to attend the Summer Studies program at Appalachian State University or the University of Kansas. **Good Work, Collin!**



A Note from Our Principal

Exciting things are happening at St. Joseph Catholic School. This week we celebrated the feast day of St. John Baptist de la Salle, patron of school teachers. The Home and School Association brought sweet delights made by our very own dessert specialist, **Amy Williams**. Please remember our teachers in your prayers as they have the awesome responsibility of molding our future leaders. The teachers deserve a pat on the back for the wonderful things they do for our students.

As we are preparing for the 2010-2011 school year, we have been searching for two additional teachers to add to our staff. We are very fortunate to share the good news that we have found two outstanding individuals. **Jami AuBuchon** has been hired to fill the fifth grade teaching position. She has 5 years of teaching experience and a Masters in Education. She received an outstanding reference from her previous supervisor. Jami has been a youth minister, coach and student council sponsor. She is actively involved in the parish and has a very strong Catholic faith. She will be an asset to our school as she loves working with children. Jami stated, "From my experience, students need to be involved in activities where they see their peers actively living their faith and worshipping the Lord in youth masses tailored to their interests and stage of life."

Abe AuBuchon has been hired to fill the seventh grade teaching position. He has three years of teaching experience and a Bachelor's degree. His prior supervisor stated, "Abe is a role model for students and teachers alike. His work ethic is unsurpassed in this school district." Abe is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and has worked with the youth ministry as well as participated in many church activities. Abe stated, "My experience from youth ministry and coaching (basketball and golf) of young people have been the most rewarding when a relationship was built that allowed each side the opportunity to respect, care, and love one another."

St. Joseph Catholic School is very fortunate to be able to add two outstanding individuals to the staff. I look forward to the next year with no combined classes and a dedicated staff building an environment of high expectations for students and a faith filled community.

Mrs. Susie Rohrer

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, March 13th, the nineteen individuals in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) traveled along with their sponsors or Godparents to the New Cathedral Basilica. There, they joined people from other parishes in the Archdiocese who will be joining the Catholic Church for the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**, celebrated by Archbishop Robert Carlson.

The Catechumens, those who have never been baptized, and the candidates, those who have been validly baptized in another Christian denomination, were blessed and sent to the **Rite of Election** by our community.

The Catechumens are now called **The Elect**. With their Godparents and 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.



Katherine Baechle



Kristin Baechle



Nicholas Baechle



Paul Boshoff



Stephanie Boshoff



Ronald Lee Brooks



Grace Ann Gilliam



Jason Gilliam



Arial Johnson



Daniel Judd



Dagny McCarver



Julie McCarver



Shawn McCarver



Angela Nickelson



Hunter Nickelson



Shawn Sales



Trent Sparr



Rachel Turner



Riley Turner

For Those Who Mourn

As we celebrate the great joy of the Easter season. . .

We continue to remember with prayer and provide support to those whose hearts are heavy from the pain of the loss of loved ones.



*We invite you to draw comfort from an evening with **Mary Smith** as she presents*

“Celebrate Life”

***Wednesday, April 27th
gathering in the Parish Center at 5:30pm***

*Please come join us for an evening of sharing, of caring, spiritual support and joy. . .
Our Women of Mary will provide the meal. Fr. Rickey will again provide the entertainment.
Please RSVP to the parish office at 756-4250 by April 20th.*

Look at what's happening in our Parish. . .



Wednesday, April 27th
Easter “Bit of Comfort”

Saturday, April 30th
First Communion, 11 am



Saturday, May 7th
Spring Cleaning of Parish

Wednesday, May 11th
Yesterday's Kids Trip to Ste. Genevieve



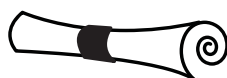
May 14 & 15th
Take Home Bar-B-Que Hosted by the 2012 March for Life Pilgrims

Sunday, May 15th
High School Graduates Mass and Brunch



Wednesday, May 18th
PSR Picnic at Engler Park

Tuesday, May 22nd
Eighth Grade Graduation



Mark Your Calendar!!!
St. Joseph's Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, June 26th

with an evening concert and activities on **Saturday, June 25th**

Please remember to start making, saving, and gathering your items for the

**Country Store • Silent Auction
Bottle Booth • Flea Market**

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This Week at Home

Monday, April 18

Entering the Story

Read the Passion story we heard yesterday (Matthew 26:14—27:66), imagining yourself as a character in it: Peter, Judas, Pilate, the serving girl, Simon of Cyrene, Mary Magdalene, or Joseph of Arimathea. What do you see? Hear? Smell? Feel? Saint Ignatius Loyola introduced this style of prayer in the sixteenth century, asking people to enter imaginatively into the Gospel stories. Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; John 12:1–11.

Tuesday, April 19

A Psalm from the Depths

The Hebrew psalms of lamentation have a unique combination of mourning, rage, and praise, of “wow” and “ow.” Read Psalm 42, 43, or 44. Then try writing your own psalm of lamentation, like the opening prayer. Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; John 13:21–33, 36–38.

Wednesday, April 20

Converging Calendars

As Christians are observing the holiest time of their liturgical year, the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday), often our Jewish sisters and brothers are observing Passover. The entire Jewish calendar is lunar—marked by the moon. So their holy days occur at different dates each year. Many Christian observances are set by a solar calendar and occur on the same date each year. But the holiest days revolve around Easter, which is set by the moon, because these days are so closely related to the Jewish Passover. This year, Passover began last night at sunset and will continue until Monday, April 25. Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Matthew 26:14–25.

Thursday, April 21

Holy Thursday

Now we begin the Triduum, “The Three Days,” each marked from sunset to sunset, during which we celebrate our most

holy and beautiful liturgies of the year: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. Tonight we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, recalling the first Eucharist. But the Gospel about the Last Supper that we read tonight is different from the one we hear in the Eucharistic Prayer. In this version, Jesus teaches his disciples that Eucharist must result in loving service. They must wash feet. In what ways have you “washed feet” and been a servant? Today's Readings: (Mass of the Lord's Supper) Exodus 12:1–8; 11–14; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.

Friday, April 22

Good Friday

Yesterday after Mass, church altars were stripped of cloths, the Eucharist was removed to a side altar, candlesticks were taken away, and the sanctuary lamp was extinguished. According to ancient tradition, the sacraments aren't celebrated today. The service consists of scripture readings, penitential prayer, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. At home, maintain a reverent silence, turning off radios, TVs, computers, and personal music devices. Children could illustrate the Stations of the Cross, hang the drawings, and invite the family to pray the stations using their pictures. Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9; John 18:1—19:42.

Saturday, April 23

Holy Saturday

We spend this day prayerfully also, eating little in joyful anticipation, as we prepare for the family feasting tomorrow and the beautiful Easter liturgies. The Church lavishes care on the great Easter Vigil: the Easter fire outside in the dark, the lighting of the Paschal candle, the candlelight procession into the church, the wonderful stories of our history, the joyful announcement, “He is Risen!” with many alleluias, the Baptisms, and the Eucharist. Don't miss it! Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1–2:2; Genesis 22:1–18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Isaiah 54:5–14; Isaiah 55:1–11; Baruch 3:9–15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28; Romans 6:3–11; Matthew 28:1–10.



The Answer is Always “Jesus”

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Through the Reformation, and with the help of the Council of Trent, our forebears kept the faith and passed it on. The Holy Spirit was at work in the Church...bringing forth many great saints and a culture saturated with Christian ideals. Religious orders trained armies of missionaries who traveled to the shores of the New World, to the jungles of Latin America and the temples of Japan, India and China where they held high the cross and brought the Eucharist and the charity of Christ to millions. The people of this time didn't have to face the challenges we face today...we live in a culture that is progressively secularized making it difficult to maintain our faith. Our 16th century ancestors had both their saints and their sinners...just like us. But their secret weapon was a culture or a society that was focused on the knowledge that God was present to them all the time and in all ways. The very fiber of 16th century society supported that foundational belief in a near-universal manner. Life then was lived through the filter of faith.

Preaching in the great Baroque churches became more important. We have already talked about priests being provided with outlines from the Roman Catechism. It was in this way that the laity learned the essential doctrines of our faith. As the years passed great and gifted preachers emerged. St. Alphonsus Liguori was known for his homilies on morality. St. Francis deSales' sermons were filled with appealing examples and stories that motivated listeners to prayer and acts of virtue. And...not all preaching occurred at Mass. The mendicants, Dominican and Franciscan friars, preached on street corners, public squares and in the great cathedrals, educating people about the faith and calling them to moral conversion. Our “Parish Missions” have their roots in these *al fresco* preaching events. St. Philip Neri assembled some of the greatest musicians of the time in his oratory and encouraged them to compose hymns and songs in the vernacular based on stories from Scripture. Church music could only be described as pitiful before the reforms of Trent...Philip's musical geniuses (Animuccia and Palestrina) slowly began it's rejuvenation with the creation of “Renaissance polyphony” which is still one of the true glories of ecclesiastical music. Even today Palestrina's music is still widely used in liturgies.

Along with the Trent reforms came a new “type” of spirituality which remained the standard for the next four centuries. Simply put, the grace you received, let's say for the sake of argument, at the celebration of the Eucharist was in direct relationship to the effort you put into preparing for Mass. The better the preparation... the more graces you received! This spirituality opened the door to a flood of new schools of meditation, mysticism, and programs of spiritual growth. St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, with his Spiritual Exercises taught us ways to address the need for self-discipline and meditation. Carmelites Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross wrote books that analyzed mystical states. To this day Carmelite cloisters of nuns and monasteries of Carmelite friars are centers of prayer for the church and for all the faithful. St. Francis deSales' writings provided a very human down to earth approach, pointing the laity toward the love of God, and showing us how to live a devout life in everyday circumstances. Even today, The Introduction to the Devout Life is still a “best seller.” The goal of this upsurge in prayer and spiritual development was to enable all to draw from the Mass everything Christ wished to reveal. The Mass mattered...the Eucharist was becoming once again the source and summit of Christian life.



PARENTS PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE!

The St. Joseph's Athletic Association will be hosting their Annual Banquet on **Friday, May 13th** to recognize all the **2010/2011 School and PSR athletes**.

We will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by the award presentations and announcements for next year's sports programs. Each family is asked to bring a dessert. We hope to see you there!



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May 27th, 2011
Crown Pointe Golf Club

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For more information please contact Ralph at 756-4202 or Mike and Lori at 756-2280 or email craigstourney@gmail.com

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

Golda (Anton) Aseniero

Stephanie (Paul) Boshoff

Lisa (Doug) Cartee

Lauren (Nathan) Stein

Congratulations!!
***to Ed & Carol Brinkman on the arrival
of Rachel Beth on Sunday, April 3rd.***

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