

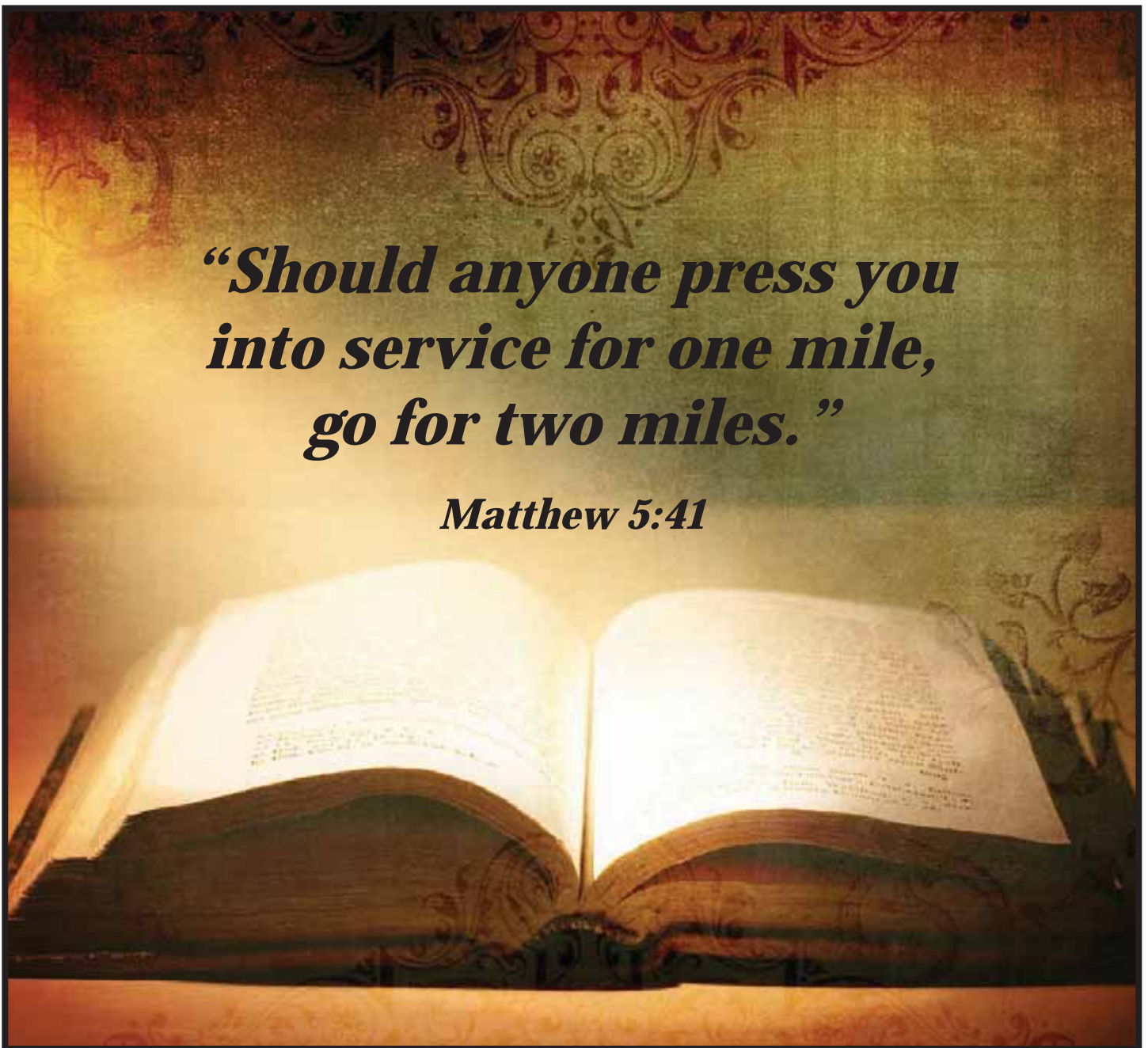
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Farmington, Missouri

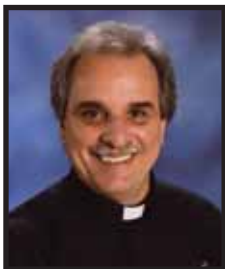


February 20th, 2011
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Living the Gospel Message Since 1890

***“Should anyone press you
into service for one mile,
go for two miles.”***

Matthew 5:41





From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Our Father's Table. . . A Special Ministry Celebrating Its One Year Anniversary

Next Sunday evening marks the one year anniversary of the beginning of our special ministry of serving a homemade meal with love and compassion to anyone wishing to partake. This group of dedicated parishioners provides a warm meal on the last Sunday of each month from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in our gym. This meal is lovingly served with a spirit of hospitality to those attending.

Next week's menu will be: traditional Mardi Gras dinner including gumbo, corn bread, vegetable, dinner salad and a Mardi Gras King Cake. Each month is it so awesome as the pastor of St. Joseph's to see those volunteering in this ministry serving those present as if they are serving Christ. You can feel the spirit of joy immediately upon entering the building!

Our sincere thanks to **Dave and Cynthia Werner**, who have chaired this special ministry the past year, and to all the other dedicated volunteers.

This past year the average attendance at each month's dinner has been between 25-30 individuals. This special ministry continues to grow as the word spreads throughout the community.

If you would like to contribute to "Our Father's Table" please place your gift in the collection basket so marked or in either of the two poor boxes in the back of church.

If anyone is interested in helping at next week's dinner please show up in the gym any time after 3:00 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report For the 2010 Fiscal Year

Our sincere thanks go to our St. Vincent de Paul chairperson, **Debbie Firehammer** and to all of our volunteers who work endlessly each week in providing the needs of the poor of our community. You will find their financial report for the 2010 fiscal year on the following page.

I am Honored to Announce that Bishop Robert Hermann will be the Guest Speaker for Our Lenten Evening for the Men of our Parish

After the successful "Advent by Candlelight Dinner" for our ladies at the beginning of Advent, I am thrilled to announce a special evening for the men of our parish being planned for Mardi Gras night, **Tuesday, March 8th**. It is truly an honor that Bishop Robert Hermann will be the guest speaker for this special evening.

This, the night before Ash Wednesday, will be a great way for all of us to prepare our hearts for the Lenten Journey that leads to the promise of Easter. The funds raised from this event will be donated to the "**Help the Hungry Bake Sale**". Please see next week's bulletin for more details.

Washington D.C. Pilgrimage Reunion THIS Thursday Evening

This **Thursday, February 24th**, at 6:30 pm in the parish center will be the reunion gathering for those attending the recent pilgrimage to Washington D.C. A pot luck pasta dinner will be enjoyed and a special memory slide show presentation from the hundreds of photos that were taken on the trip will be shown. **If you are interested in going on next year's pilgrimage it is mandatory for you to attend this evening to reserve your space.**

Our List of Those Who are Sick Changes Weekly...

Our sincere thanks to **Pat Boatright** and to all our parishioners who serve in the **Ministry of Prayer Power** and are committed to praying for those who are in need of prayer. Each time prayer is requested for someone, Pat notifies the Prayer Power team either by email or phone to pray for the individual.

And Finally...

Our annual Trivia Night will be held next Saturday evening, February 26th. There are still tables available, please contact **Mary Smith** at our school at 756-6312 to reserve your space for this fun-filled evening.

"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**

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report Food Pantry Operations

December 31st, 2010

All of our members and volunteers would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. This year we served a total of **3,160 food orders** (up from 2,903 in 2009). Those orders provided food for an average of **601 individuals each month** (up from 550 in 2009).

Income in 2010 was as follows:

St. Joseph Church	\$18,410.38
United Way*	0*
Annual Catholic Appeal Grant	1,750.00
Memorials	985.00
Help the Hungry Bake Sale	10,700.00
Fish Fry 50/50 Drawings	1,472.00
Miscellaneous Donations	16,890.75

*Due to a United Way error in 2009, we did not receive any funds from them in 2010.

Expenses in 2010 were as follows:

SVDP utilities	\$2,376.39
SVDP dues/office supplies	661.72

Assistance distribution to our clients in 2010:

Utilities	\$7,812.04
Rent/lodging	1,806.08
Medication/doctors	370.41
Furniture/clothing/miscellaneous	2,513.22
Food	57,055.19

A sincere thank you to all of our Volunteers:

Ginger Baechle	Jana, Ben & Nick Dore'	Marie Hermann	Helen Mell
Donna Black	Joann Friedman	Geneva Jokerst	Jack & Kathy Neiner
Thelma Chambers	Jeanie and Al Gegg	Paula Karl	June Steneck
Marilyn Currington	Kathy Green	Sandi Kracke	Shellie Van Ness

Also, thanks to **Tom Karl** for reviewing our finances and preparing our financial reports.

With tremendous gratitude,

Debbie Firehammer

Our Pastoral Team

Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy..... Pastor
email: frickvalleroy@aol.com

Rev. James W. Dyer..... Associate Pastor
email: frjim@stjosephfarmington.com

Deacon Albin Gegg Permanent Deacon

Susie Rohrer Principal
email: principal@stjosephfarmington.com

Sr. Barbara Wentworth.....Religion Coordinator

Agnes Hinkebein Pastoral Health Care
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email: secretary@stjosephfarmington.com

Mike WardMaintenance Supervisor

Brian Stamm Pastoral Council

Chuck Hayden Financial Commission

Ed Brown.....Cemetery Association
phone: 573-756-5369

Parish Business Office Hours

Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Phone (573)756-4250 • Fax (573)756-6938
10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday	7:00 am
Friday (All School Mass August - 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	7:00 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 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 thru Closing Prayer Service at 5:20 pm
First Fridays of the month from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

For assistance call 756-0997

This Week in Our Parish

Mon	02/21	Presidents Day School WILL be in session
Tues	02/22	Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 pm • Cafeteria
Wed	02/23	PSR 6:00 pm • Gym Parish Rosary 7:15 pm • Church Bible Timeline 7:30 pm • Parish Center
Thurs	02/24	Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 am - 5:20 pm • Church Boy Scouts 6:00 pm • Cafeteria Washington DC Pilgrim Reunion 6:30 pm • Parish Center
Fri	02/25	All School Mass 8:05 am • Church
Sat	02/26	Trivia Night doors open at 6:00 pm • Gym
Sun	02/27	RCIA 9:00 am • Parish Center Our Father's Table 4:00 pm • Gym



Happy Birthday



February 20th

Margaret Burcham
Lee Pfaff
Larry Pratte, Jr.

February 21st

Kristin Baechle
Julia Geiler
Fred Manning
Heather Meyer
Kent Scism

February 22nd

Stephen Forsythe
Ladonna Kite
Rachel Neumeier

February 23rd

Diane Bush
Michelle Koppeis
Bill Kure
Ashley Rhodes

February 24th

David Danielej

February 25th

Amanda Burch
Jessica Hicks
Michael Jung
Christopher Lutsch

Arleen McNamara
Grace Tucker

February 26th

John Augustine
Karen Hyde
Julia Leible



Happy Anniversary



February 23rd, 1991

Greg & Susan Rudroff

February 25th, 1974

John & Mary Dugan

February 25th, 1956

Harold & Shirley Gray

February 26th, 1988

Chris & Rosemary Kane



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of February 21st - 27th, 2011

Monday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2,5 Mk 9:14-29

7:00 am: **Communion Service**

Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a,4-6 Mt 16:13-19

7:00 am: **James Dyer, Sr.**

Wednesday: St. Polycarp

Readings: Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:154,171-172,174-175
Mk 9:38-40

7:00 am: **Betty Ellebracht**

Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mk 9:41-50

7:00 am: **Bertrand Hayden**

Friday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12,16,18,27, 34-35
Mk 10:1-12

7:00 am: **C. E. (Kopie) and Lucille Koppeis**

8:05 am: **Elfrieda Sutterer**

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3,6-9
1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

5:00 pm **Norma "Mutsie" Greif**

Sunday:

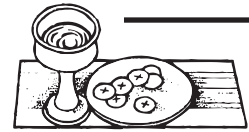
7:30 am: **Velda Schnurbusch**

9:00 am: **William J. Valleroy**

10:30 am: **Parishioners**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, February 26th

5:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: Brian McNamara

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Crouch, John Denkler, Rosetta Halter,
Tom Karl, Jim Willis

Ushers: James Cissell, John Denkler,
Terry Guiley, Gary Harris

Servers: E. Petty, A. Winch, A. Gerstner

Sunday, February 27th

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: Bob Lowery

Extraordinary Ministers:

Melissa Mitchell, Steve Forsythe,
Rose and Chuck Hayden, Chris Westrich

Ushers: Tom E. Donze, Bob Govreau,
Charles Govreau, Dale Jones

Servers: S. Rudroff, K. Weidenbenner

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg

Lector: George Kracke

Extraordinary Ministers:

Charlotte VanderBol, Vanessa Trokey,
Kevin Boatright, Rob Grindel

Ushers: George Kracke, Bill Kure,
Jerry Morris, Dale Springs

Servers: L. Trokey, G. Trokey, S. Trokey

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Bill Sippo

Extraordinary Ministers:

Theresa Aubuchon, Jana Dore',
Shirley Bieser, Helen and John Thurman

Ushers: Jim Robert, Travis Trolinger,
John Bieser, Mark Bieser

Servers: M. Francis, H. Vargo, C. Francis



Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish. If you are a regular
visitor and would like to join our parish, please return
this form in next week's collection basket or stop
by the Parish Office at 10 North Long Street.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Monday, February 21st, 2011

Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Connie Grindel,
Marie Herman, Jo Rustemeyer

Money Counters

Marilyn Currington, Bob & Mary Lou Govreau,
Kathy Miller, Edsel Wade

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



Our rosary leaders will be:
Joyce Wozniak, Jane Allen, Sue Brown,
Ginger Baechle, Sandy Brooks

The Mysteries this week are: **Joyful**

Our petition for this week will be:

**“Jesus speaks to us all, but He speaks softly.
May God give us the Grace to quiet our
minds and listen.”**

In Our Thoughts and Prayers. . .

We pray for the
repose of the soul of



Bert Hayden

father of Chuck (Rose) Hayden

Norma (Mutsie) Greif

mother of Cindy (Peter) Maher,

Debby (Jerry) Hulsey, Marty (Butch) Colvin,
Jenny (Blaine) Davault, Becky (Elliott) Shostak,
Peggy (Tim) Bone, Rob (Amy) Greif, Sarah Greif
“grandmother of 26, but only 5 of those are great”

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

Our Father's Table

NEXT Sunday, February 27th • 4 - 6 pm

We will be enjoying a traditional Mardi Gras dinner including gumbo, corn bread, vegetable, dinner salad and a King Cake. 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 is on Carleton Street, the main doors leading to our school gym/cafeteria.

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, February 13th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$11,561.95
Loose	\$330.35
Children's Envelopes	\$4.00
Spanish Mass	<u>\$337.00</u>
	\$12,233.30

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$12,233.30	\$354,659.20
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$358,050.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$1,383.30	(\$3,390.80)

Partners in Education	\$362.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$107.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$427.00
Women of Mary	<u>\$24.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$920.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



**“Should anyone
press you into
service for one mile,
go for two miles.”
Matthew 5:41**

Today Our Lord clearly challenges us to go the extra mile in our service. We are invited to participate more fully in the work of the Church. In this busy world that is not an easy challenge to accept. Yet, our response can become easier and clearer for us when we take the time every day to simply ask, “Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts You have given me? How would You like me to become more fully involved in the life of Your Church?”

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

Please pray for: Freda Swetnam, Ruth Moorman, John Moorman, Raymond & Lucille Guenther, Alma Morris, Terri Sikes, Robin Ely, Cathy Quinn, Xavier Provost Minden, Larry Adams, **Howard Denton**, Judy Douglas, Emily Jane, **Marilyn Trokey**, **Gerald Ellis**, Jhena Copeland, June Hall, Kerry Creech, Melba Kite, Evan and family, Fay Huitt, Darrel Roegner, Sheila Middleton, Lucretia Skaggs, **Paul Gremminger**, **Edsel Wade**, **Mildred Bourisaw**, Gloria Swaller, **Laura Leachman**, Jane Harris, Harley Green, Gale Clark, Marty Elbl, Della Stanfill, **Katara Corcoran**, Kathy Stephens, **Tom Rigdon**, **Bob Medley**, Kathy Krechnyak, Rhonda LaPierre, **Rose Trepasso**, **Mary Lou Lodholz**, **Doug Johnson**, **Jerry McDermott**.

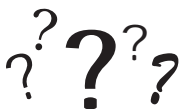
If you need to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Pat Boatright at 756-4169.

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



Thursday, February 24th
Washington D.C. Pilgrim
pot luck reunion

Saturday, February 26th
Trivia Night - all proceeds go to
our School Marketing fund



Tuesday, March 1st
Confirmation at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 8th
Men's Evening of Lenten Reflection
"Walking in the footsteps of Jesus"



Wednesday, March 9th
Ash Wednesday
Our Lenten journey begins

Friday, March 11th
First Fish Fry
of the Lenten Season
4:00 - 7:00 pm in the Gym



Tuesday, March 15th
Parish Mission

Saturday, March 19th
Feast of St. Joseph



Sunday, March 27th
Our Father's Table

April 21st - 24th
The Sacred Triduum



Wednesday, April 27th
Easter "Bit of Comfort"

Saturday, April 30th
First Communion
at 11:00 am



Passive Aggression or Active Love?

I wonder how many people read today's gospel and said, "You expect me to do THAT!?" Aren't we supposed to resist evil? Yes, we are, but Jesus makes an important distinction between evil acts and the person who does them. Why? Because God does just that. As Jesus says, He sends sunshine and rain on both good and bad people. So how do we resist evil? We do as Jesus did: conquer it with love.

When Jesus died on the cross, this was the victory over sin and death because he gave his life for us out of love. This love was for everyone, especially those sinners who need it. You might say he loves sinners most of all. Why? Because they need his love the most. All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.

Now when we read the examples in the gospel (Mt 5:39-42) we may be tempted to say that they just encourage people to be bad, that the way to stop evil is to make people suffer for doing evil. But Jesus didn't say to let people run over you. Instead of a weak passivism, we actively offer the other cheek, hand over the cloak, or go the extra mile. And that's just for the ones who occasionally annoy us. Later in the same gospel, Jesus tells us to love and pray for our enemies: those who hate us and continually try to harm us.

But notice what he doesn't say: He never promises that we will change these people, that our actions will eventually cause them to repent or become our friends. No, he only asks his disciples to change, to become perfect as the Father is perfect. Now we can never be infinitely good, all knowing and all powerful like God. But Jesus calls us, not to perfectionism but to holiness. That kind of holiness comes only from God, just as changing evil-doers or enemies is up to God. God can work through us to change the hearts of others, but He always respects their freedom. Perhaps the love we show to our enemies will at least open their hearts to the possibility of receiving the love of God, Who can help them to become holy too.

(from "The Word in our Lives")

Happenings at Other Parishes

Ste. Genevieve Valle School Dinner Auction

Saturday, March 19th

\$55 per ticket, tickets go on sale February 27th from 9 am - 12 noon in the Valle High School Library, only 450 tickets will be sold. For more information go to www.vallehighschool.com

Home & School Association

Supporting families as the first teachers in the ways of FAITH!



Upcoming Events

February 21st
Presidents Day
School WILL be in session

February 26th
Trivia Night

February 28th
Roller Skating Trip

February 28th
HASA meeting at 7 pm
followed by Open House



Meet our 3rd Graders

Mrs. Ferguson's third grade class is a wonderful group of students. They are all very bright, and they work hard. This group is well behaved. They love to help each other and other people.

They are good readers. They are very excited over the Reading Counts Program. They enjoy math, especially working with manipulatives. Most are very good artists. They are very creative. This group loves to sing. The class is enjoying science and social studies this year.

Quite a few of them helped at the Dinner Auction. They are willing to do any kind of service project. They would do it very well.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, the St. Joseph Student Council sponsored a hat, mitten, and scarf tree. St. Joseph students donated hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens, which were used as decorations on the Christmas tree outside the principal's office. A few days before Christmas, these items were presented to Debbie Firehammer, director of St. Vincent de Paul, to give to those in need. It was the Student Council's hope that this project would help spread the warmth of the Christmas season!



Youth Group News

Greetings Parish!!! Last week we really enjoyed having Fr. Rickey as the celebrant at the VMY youth mass in Perryville. What an awesome gathering!

Today there will be Junior High Youth Group from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Gymnasium followed by Senior High Youth Group from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Hope to see you there!



In March, St. Joseph School will begin a school-wide research project about space culminating in a field trip to the Bonne Terre Space Museum on March 31st. The field trip is funded by a grant from Target.

We are looking for help from anyone with special knowledge about space that would be willing to speak to our students. Possibly someone who has worked in the space program at McDonnell/Douglas or who has visited the Kennedy Space Center and has information that would benefit the students. If you can help in any way please contact Mrs. Bennett at the school at 756-6312.

Tuition Aid For Catholic Families

Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the archdiocese for the **2011-2012** school year must apply for a "FACTS" grant. The due date for the application is **April 1st, 2011**. Information and applications are available only in our Parish Office. Please see our business manager, Nathan Stein, for an application packet. **PLEASE NOTE: No financial aid will be available to any family without applying for a FACTS grant.**

Women of Mary

will have a meeting



**Wednesday,
March 2nd
12:00 noon
in the
parish center**

All women of the parish are invited to join us for lunch (soup and sandwiches) and fellowship.

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.

The Answer is Always “Jesus”

Sr. Barbara Wentworth, DHM • Parish Religion Coordinator



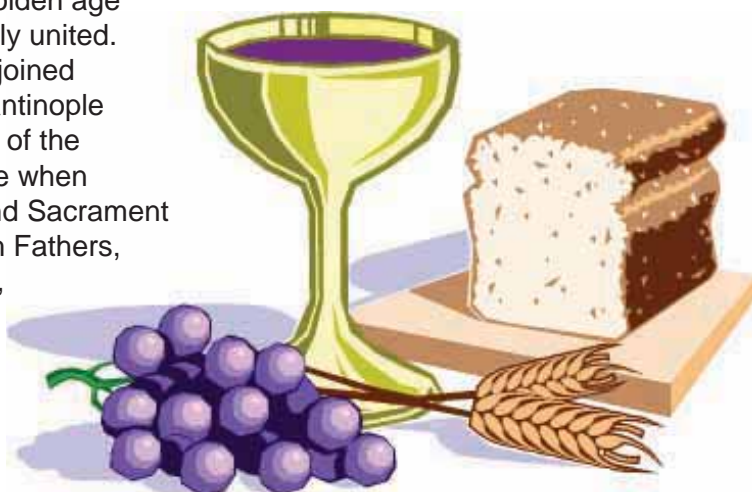
In 303 AD, under the reign of Diocletian, 49 citizens living in Abitene, a small village in the Roman province of *Africa Proconsularis* ...what we call Tunis today, were taken by surprise while celebrating Eucharist. They were arrested and taken to Carthage to be interrogated. Their crime was two-fold. It seems that they gathered each Sunday in one of their homes to celebrate Sunday Mass, and, they also kept the Scripture in their hearts...meaning that they did not wish to separate faith from life. In 304 AD they were tortured and killed. As he died one of their group shouted “We cannot live without Sunday.” Another stated “...it is the Sunday Eucharist which makes the Christian and the Christian that makes the Sunday Eucharist, so that one cannot exist without the other...

[Without Eucharist] we would not have the strength to face the daily difficulties.” These brave martyrs knew that Sunday Mass is an essential, formative element of our Catholic Christian identity and that there is no Catholic Christian life without Sunday and without the Eucharist. They knew that the Body of Christ makes the Body of Christ and without it we are all lost.

In 313 AD, with the help of Constantine, the Church and the liturgy came into its own. By the 800’s we had a “Roman” Mass book and Latin had been established as the Church’s universal, liturgical language. We know too that by this time the Lectionary (Book of Readings) was established and refined to the point where there was a regular yearly rotation of the Scripture readings. The role of the homily had developed in the early years of the Church. The house liturgy was the first setting where the scriptural readings for the Liturgy of the Word truly matured. As the Church emerged from the homes and catacombs it became clear that the homiletic explanations of Scripture needed to continue in an even more sophisticated way. The early Christians venerated the Word as well as the Eucharist. They hungered for both. They had a need to fully experience both. This need and hunger was fulfilled by brilliant saints and holy pastors who explained the Scriptures not only in the early house churches and catacombs, but also in the new Constantinian basilicas. We know them as the Fathers of the Church.

Justin Martyr, Augustine of Hippo, John Chrysostom, Gregory of Nyssa, Athanasius, Basil the Great, Cyril of Alexandria, Leo the Great, Gregory the Great.... were first and foremost simple, holy pastors whose prayerful studies and pastoral experiences resulted in an unequalled eloquence and sanctity which flowed from the celebration of the Eucharist. Their voices were heard in apostolic times and throughout the centuries of persecution, the Constantinian era and through the time of the fall of Rome in 476 AD. These great theological minds ushered in a golden age where theology and Eucharist were wonderfully united. Kings and peasants, aristocrats and the poor joined together in basilicas in Hippo (Africa), Constantinople (Turkey) and Alexandria (Egypt) to hear some of the greatest homilies ever delivered. It was a time when Liturgies were seamless garments of Word and Sacrament which fostered an essential unity. The Church Fathers, though faced with a number of divisive issues, remained faithful pastors who worked diligently to strengthen the unity of the church around the table of the Lord...

***The Body of Christ making
the Body of Christ!!***





**Saturday, February 26th
St. Joseph School Gym
Cash Prizes!!**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm
Begins at 7:00 pm**

Call now to reserve your table! Table price \$120

Popcorn, pretzels and beverages provided • Additional appetizers may be brought for your table

Call Mary Smith at 756-6312 or email msmith@stjosephfarmington.com for reservations.

Table price \$120 • Maximum of 8 players per table • Must be 21 years of age or older



Team Name: _____ Table location preference? _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Payment must be received by February 22nd to hold your reservation.
Mail this form along with your check for \$120.00 made payable to St. Joseph Church to:
Mary Smith • 501 Ste. Genevieve Ave. • Farmington, MO 63640

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Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

February 2011

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Fr. Rickey J. Valleroy

One Minute Meditations

Others first

Most of us will never feel even a small part of the pain Jesus endured during his crucifixion. What is most amazing, however, is that Jesus was able to put aside his own incredible pain to think of others. From the Cross, he forgave his enemies, won the good thief's soul, made final arrangements for his mother's care, and prayed for his persecutors. He put others first. He asks that we do the same.

Always hope

Sin and negative thinking go hand in hand. We lose hope and think God isn't watching or doesn't care. Thinking positively and hopefully helps to avoid sin. Thanks be to God for second chances!.

In the stars?

Wondering about your future? If you could read the future in the stars, decisions would be easier and success could be guaranteed. But only God knows your future. Don't trust the stars; trust the one who made them.



Simple ways to live a better life

The weeks before Lent are a good time to decide how to live a holier, happier life. Trying just one of these ideas can make a big difference in the way you live:

Live in the moment. We can't change the past and don't know the future. The choices we make right now are all that count.

Be the real you. Don't compare yourself with others or try to imitate people who are smarter, richer, or cooler. God loves each of us for who we are, not who we are like.

Avoid drama. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by others who do – try substituting

activities or people you find positive and interesting instead.

Face your fears. List your worst fears, the ones you are afraid to tell anyone. Are they realistic? If so, take action to resolve them. Otherwise, cross each off your list and let it go.

Talk less. Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

Spend time with happy people. Surround yourself with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

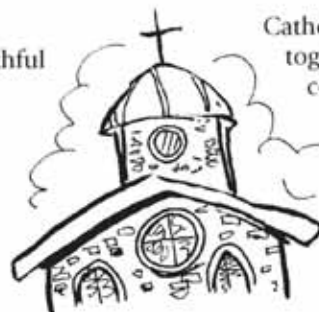
Work happy. No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns a job into a prayer.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is a parish?

A parish is "a stable community of the faithful within a particular church or diocese, whose pastoral care is confided by the bishop to a priest as pastor (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2179). It is where



Catholics in the area can come together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. For Catholics today, our parishes are our spiritual homes. It is where we learn ways to live our faith, deepen our practice, exhibit charity, and join in worship.

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“Please tempt me!”

Believe it or not, temptation can actually be good for us. In fact, the time to worry is when we don't feel we are being tempted.

Temptation guards against overconfidence. When life is easy, we can deceive ourselves into thinking we are stronger than we really are. That's when opportunities for sin can sneak up on us. How do we know we can resist if we haven't been tempted? Suffering from temptation helps us to identify our weaknesses so we can build defenses.



Resisting temptations strengthens virtues. In order to resist evil, we have to practice virtue. To resist pride, we practice humility. To counter selfishness, we practice charity. The more we use our virtues, the stronger they will become.

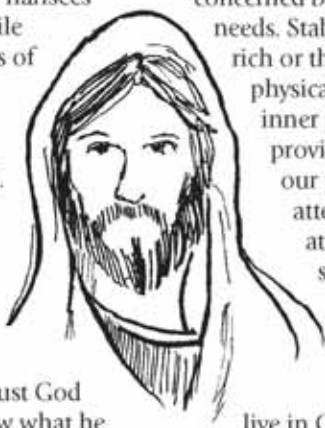
Temptation exposes our real selves. Our imperfect world full of temptations makes it tough to do the right thing all the time. How we deal with temptation shows us who we really are. Anyone can call himself a follower of Jesus but the proof is in the living.

from **Scripture**

Matthew 6:24-34, Our choice

In Jesus' day, scribes and Pharisees often lived comfortably while urging the people to heights of sacrifice and penance they didn't observe themselves. The message was right but the messengers were flawed. Instead, Jesus took on our humanity and spoke with authority. He experienced hunger and thirst, and didn't always have a place to sleep. So when he counseled his listeners to trust God with all their needs, he knew what he was asking.

Jesus said don't worry. By that he meant that don't be anxious and



concerned beyond our immediate needs. Stability in this world for the rich or the poor comes not from physical provisions but from the inner peace that only God can provide. By worrying about our physical needs, we draw attention away from attaining the inner stability so necessary for peace.

From experience, Jesus knows we have a choice. We can live in the world or we can live in God's Kingdom, but we cannot do both. Jesus wants us to invest in our future with him. God will take care of the rest.

Q & A What are the “Four Marks of the Church?”

When Jesus founded the Church, he gave it four characteristics called, “The Four Marks of the Church.” It is **one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic**. The Nicene



Creed we profess during Mass repeats these Marks.

First, the Church is **one**, united by the Trinity, and all members are united in their belief, worship, sacraments, tradition, and leadership. For example, Catholics all over the world believe the same truths and celebrate the same Mass.

The Church is **holy** because Jesus established it and made it holy. He continues to share his grace with the Church and the Church helps her members live holy, Christ-like lives.

It is **Catholic**, meaning “universal,” and unites the faithful on earth with those in Heaven and in Purgatory. And, Jesus intended the Church for all of human kind – for all people, everywhere.

Finally, the Church is **apostolic** because Jesus gave authority to St. Peter, the first Pope, and the other apostles, the first bishops. This authority has been handed on to their successors throughout the centuries.

Feasts & Celebrations

February 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani (1537). While serving as a militia officer for Venice, St. Jerome Emiliani was imprisoned by the enemy. In prison he taught himself how to pray and was inspired to escape safely. In response, he became a priest and with his own resources opened orphanages, a homeless shelter, and a hospital.

February 14 – St. Cyril (869). Along with his brother Methodius, St. Cyril was a missionary, teacher, and patron of the Slavic people. He invented an alphabet still used in some Eastern liturgies, and preached the Gospel in a

more easily understood manner. He died in Rome shortly after taking the monastic habit.

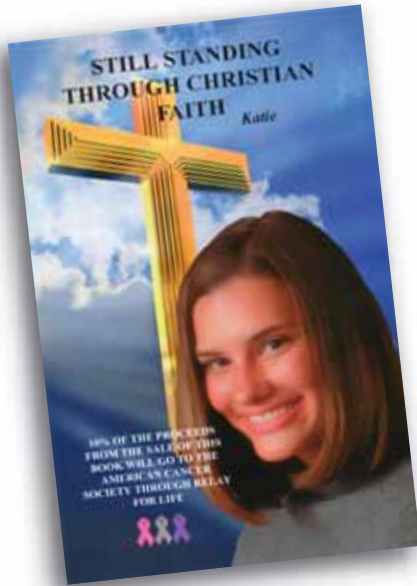
February 21 – St. Peter Damian (1072). Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a devoted and disciplined monk but was called to service as a bishop for many years and served as advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.



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A Very Special Book Signing by our Parishioner, Katie Schwent on Sunday, March 6th after all the Masses in the Parish Center



In her book, *Still Standing through Christian Faith*, our parishioner and author, Katie, tells of the Lord's obvious presence during the struggles and successes of her daughter Myranda's brain tumor diagnosis and subsequent treatment. She gives indisputable examples of heavenly intervention and guidance. The book is a "must read" for anyone struggling with a belief that a higher power exists and is firm reassurance for those who already believe.

Not only will you find encouragement and strength in this book, you will also be helping a good cause. 10% of the proceeds of the sale go to the American Cancer Society through relay for life.

If you cannot make it to this special book signing, you may purchase the book *Still Standing through Christian Faith* at The Oasis Christian Bookstore, Ballet Arts Center, and Farmington Public Library or you may go to www.autumnpages.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
Carol (Ed) Brinkman
Lauren (Nathan) Stein

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

Parents Who've Lost Children Support Group



Conference Room at Liberty Office Park
400 N. Washington, Farmington
2nd and 4th Mondays of each month
7:00 - 8:00 pm

There is nothing more devastating in life than the death of a child. The age of the child makes no difference. We as parents do not expect to bury our children. The grief is traumatic and can seem unending. This group is for those who have had to bury their child, no matter how long ago it has been. For those who have dealt with this pain for many years, your experience can benefit those for whom this tragedy is new. For those for whom the experience is recent, there are many others who share and understand the devastating pain. You are invited to be a part of a new group forming to offer support and education as your struggle to continue your lives in spite of your loss. This FREE support group will be lead by a nationally trained and certified grief specialist. *For more information call Tisha Mundy at 747-0335.*

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Saturday, March 19th, 2011

The Cedars, St. Raymond Cathedral
931 Lebanon, St. Louis MO 63104

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

(registration begins at 8 am)

Sponsored by Archbishop's Committee for Eucharistic Adoration. Presenters: Archbishop Robert J. Carlson and Rev. Kristian Teater, Spiritual Theology – Kenrick Glennon Seminary. Registration fee is \$25.00 per person (includes conference, lunch and refreshments). Fee must be received by Friday, March 11, 2011. Send name, address, telephone and email address, along with check made payable to: Archbishop's Committee for Eucharistic Adoration, 6603 Christopher Drive, St. Louis MO 63129. Interpretation for the deaf and hearing impaired. For more information contact Mary or Rose at 314-846-8207, ext 200.

*"The Eucharistic Presence
"is a Presence in the
fullest sense: a
Substantial Presence
whereby Christ, the
God-Man, is wholly
and entirely present"*

(Pope Paul VI)

God is made really and truly present in the Holy Eucharist at Holy Mass for us to receive as our Spiritual Food. He dwells in our tabernacle and is enshrined in the monstrance for us to adore.



Eucharistic Adoration hours are **Thursdays from 7:30 am - 5:20 pm** followed by Benediction. Everyone is welcome to visit during Adoration Hours! For more information or to sign up contact Charlie and Rita Boyd at 756-2383, or e-mail them at ctboyd@sbcglobal.net.