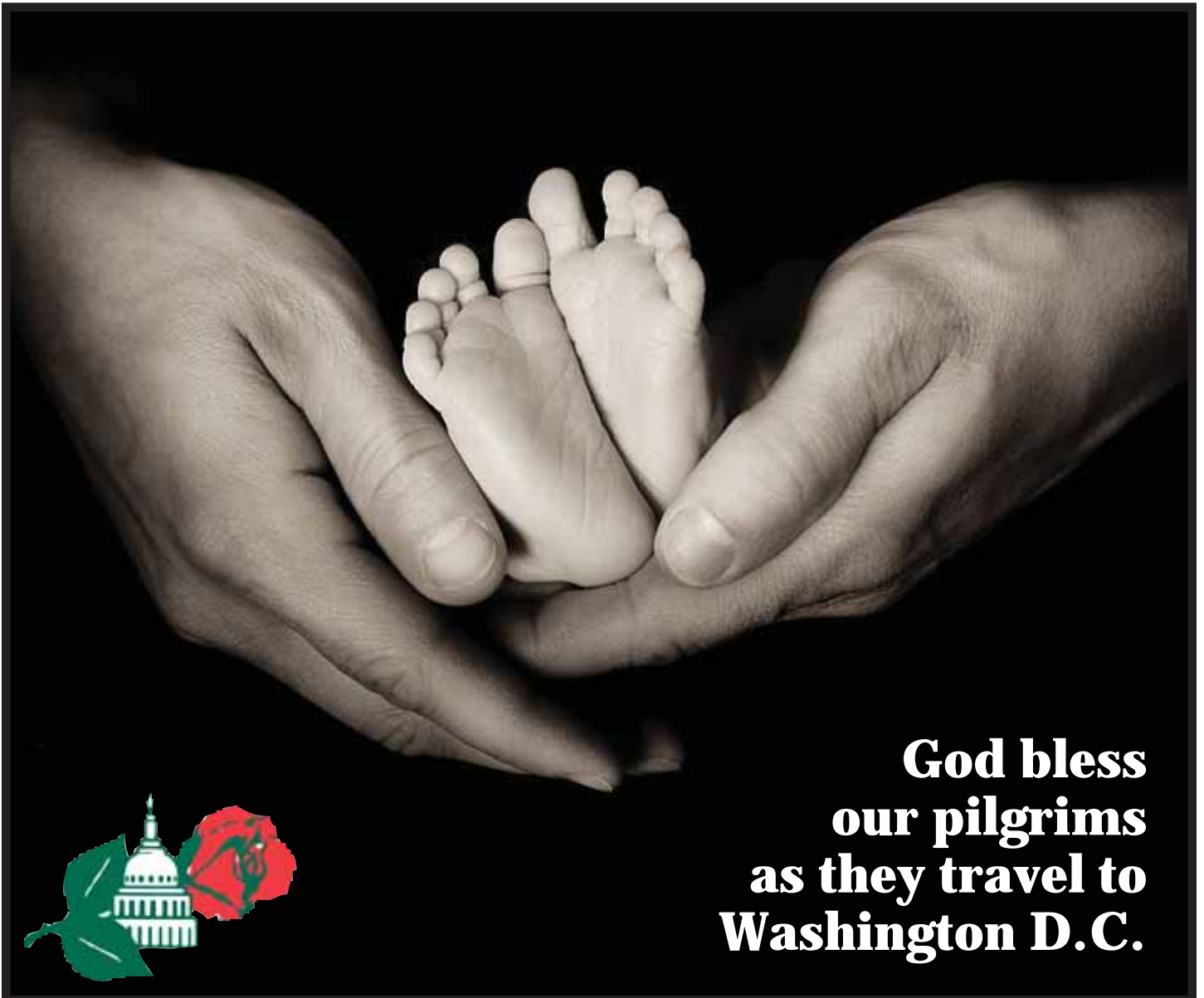


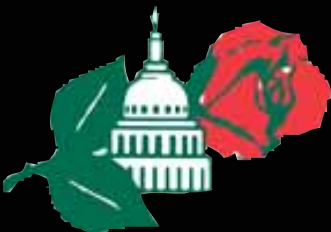
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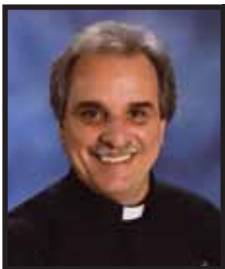


January 16th, 2011
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Living the Gospel Message Since 1890



**God bless
our pilgrims
as they travel to
Washington D.C.**





From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

A Full Bus of Parishioners Going on the Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

We Leave this Friday Evening...

This Friday evening, 56 members of our parish family will board a bus to make a prayerful pilgrimage to our Nation's capitol in Washington D.C. to attend the 38th annual Right to Life March. What an awesome reflection of our faith community. **This year we have 40 returning pilgrims and 16 new participants to join us for their first experience of a pilgrimage.** What a gift it will be for those attending to experience spiritual renewal. It will be much more of a spiritual retreat than just a road trip to Washington.

Following this column, I have included our itinerary with the hope that you will join your prayers with us throughout the pilgrimage. One of the prayerful experiences that our group will experience this year will be leading the National March by carrying the banner that spans six traffic lanes. What an opportunity of a lifetime!!

We have been so blessed in so many ways in support of this trip.

Our thanks to **Chuck and Rose Hayden** for providing the group with the spiritual sacramental gifts that will be given away during the trip.

Our thanks go to **Agnes Hinkebein** for creating the beautiful wreath that our group will have the honor of laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in a military ceremony.

Our sincere thanks to **Mike and Cyndy Gladbach** for providing McDonald's gift certificates to each individual for our stop in Effingham, IL on Friday evening.

Thank you to **John and Kathy Crouch** for providing the breakfast on Saturday morning in Bedford, Pennsylvania and the tickets to the National Archives.

Our thanks go to our **Knights of Columbus** for the St. Joseph medals for the pilgrims.

Thank you to **Rachael Layton** and **Mega Sports** for the terrific job on the hoodie sweatshirts for the pilgrims.

Our thanks to **Sue Brown, Geneva Jokerst, and Ginger Baechle** for the hand warmers.

Thank you to our **Home & School Association** for the finger rosaries for the pilgrims.

Our thanks for to each of you for your for supporting our bar-b-que and chicken fry to help defray the cost of the trip for each of the pilgrims. Please pray for us this week. You will have the promise of our prayers throughout this pilgrimage especially during our daily Masses.

We are on this sacred pilgrimage to be the voice of the unborn child in protecting the constitutional truths that all human beings are created equal and are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among which is the right to life, and the right to life of each human being shall be presented and protected by every human being in the society and by the society as a whole. **Our presence will speak volumes for those who have ears to hear and eyes to see.**

A Moment to Honor. . .



One of the beautiful aspects about our annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C. is how family oriented the trip is. Four of our parishioners will experience a once in a lifetime opportunity by having the honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery in a military ceremony. Each year these pilgrims are selected randomly in a drawing.

Pictured above are the three generations representing the Charlie and Rita Boyd family. Looking at the wreath to be presented by **Andrew Gruhala** are his grandmother **Rita Boyd**, aunt **Terri Roney**, cousin **Jordan Roney**, **Andrew**, his mother **Becky Gruhala**.

An Awesome Opportunity. . . Are You Interested in Attending the Washington DC Pilgrimage in 2012?

If you are interested in attending next year's pilgrimage to Washington DC please let me know soon so that I may get your name on the list of those wishing to go.

Any registered, active parishioner is welcome to join us. We begin our preparation by asking all to attend this year's pilgrim reunion to view a video presentation of this year's trip. At this meeting we also set the dates of our two major fund raisers for the trip. Depending on the number of occupants in a room the cost per person varies, but the average is \$375 per person. This includes almost all meals, all admission fees, bus, and gratuities. Next year we will be visiting Gettysburg in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Parishioners of any age are welcome to join us on this prayerful and family oriented pilgrimage. **Please note that we fill the bus in the order that parishioners confirm their wish to attend.**

Order the Boy Scout's Chili Next Weekend in the Parish Center

Our boy scouts are once again selling their delicious chili and will be available after all masses on January 22-23 for you to place your order for chili in the parish center. The scouts are taking pre-orders for the chili which can be picked up on Superbowl Sunday!!!

Tax Statements and Parish Directories in the Mail this Week...

You will receive your tax statements in the mail this week. This year we are again enclosing our new parish directories along with the tax statements. The bulk rate we receive makes this very affordable and assures that everyone receives their tax statements along with a directory. Those who have not made a contribution this past year may pick up your directories in the parish office.

Are You Interested in Helping "Our Father's Table" A monthly meal for the Poor of Our Community

If you are interested in helping with this special ministry of serving a meal once a month to the needy of our community please come to the next "Our Father's Table" on January 30th at 3:00 to offer your help.

Youth Mass in Perryville On Sunday, February 13th

Each month the Vincentian Marian Youth ministry has a Youth Mass in Perryville at the National Shrine of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. On **Sunday, February 13th** I will be the celebrant and warmly invite our Youth Groups to attend. The music ministry is totally awesome and will be appreciated by our youth. Gathering music starts at 5:45 pm and mass is at 6:00 pm. There will be youth from Bloomsdale, Ste. Genevieve, Ozora, Cape Girardeau and Jackson among others in attendance.

Are You Interested in Being a Knight of Columbus?

If you are a practicing Catholic man at least 18 years of age, the **Knights of Columbus** may be just what you've been looking for. Families are paramount in the Knights of Columbus. All Knights of Columbus programs provide the opportunity for families to work together, involving everyone in Church activities and in their communities. The Knights ask you to accept the invitation to learn more about what they do to build a better world. . . one member, one family and one council at a time. If you are interested in joining or if you have any questions, please contact **John Thurman** at **518-0627**.

Your Faithful Source for Catholic News – Our St. Louis Review

We'd like everyone in the parish to receive a weekly copy of the St. Louis Review, and ask every household to subscribe. The annual subscription rate through the parish is \$23.00. Please use the subscription renewal envelope in your envelope packet and return it in the Sunday collection.

Thank you for your participation. If you do not wish to receive the Review, please kindly mark your envelope with the request.

And Finally...

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

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

Itinerary for March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

January 21st -26th, 2011

Patron for our Pilgrimage will be St. Joseph

Friday, January 21st

- 5:30 pm Start boarding bus
- 6:00 pm Leave St. Joseph Parish
Opening Prayer and Blessing
- 9:30 pm Stop at McDonald's in Effingham, IL
- 10:15 pm Night prayer – St. Joseph novena (1)
- 10:30 pm Movie "Letters to God"

Saturday, January 22nd

- 7:30 am Morning prayer - St. Joseph novena (2)
- 7:40 am Rosary
- 8:00 am Movie "Taking Chance"
- 9:15 am Video of Arlington Cemetery
- 9:30 am Breakfast in Bedford, Pennsylvania
- 10:30 am Movie "Roe vs Wade: I Was Wrong"
- 12:00 pm Video Meditation "My Chance"
- 2:00 pm Estimated time for Arrival in Washington D.C.
- 5:00 pm Mass at Hotel
- 6:30 pm Dinner at the Hard Rock Café
- 8:30 pm Night prayer - St. Joseph novena (3)

Sunday, January 23rd

- 8:15 am Board Bus for Arlington Cemetery
Morning prayer - St. Joseph novena (4)
- 9:00 am Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery
- 9:15 am Visit Kennedy grave sites
- 10:00 am Changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown
- 10:15 am Laying of wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown
- 11:00 am Tour of National Archives Museum
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Harriet's Restaurant in historical District of D.C.
- 1:30 pm Tour of D.C.: Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial Wall
- 3:00 pm Tour Holocaust Museum

- 5:30 pm Candlelight Rosary at foot of US Supreme Court Building
- 6:30 pm Dinner at Harriet's Restaurant in historical District of D.C.
- 7:30 pm Visit Iwo Jima Memorial
- 8:30 pm Night prayer - St. Joseph novena (5)

Monday, January 24th

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:45 am Group Photo of Pilgrims
- 9:00 am Visit Franklin Roosevelt Memorial
- 10:00 am Breakfast
- 11:00 am Gather for meeting to lead the March
- 12:00 pm Speeches begin
- 2:00 pm **LEAD THE MARCH**
- 3:00 pm Free to tour Library Hall of Congress & National Museum of The American Indian
- Evening Free to visit Union Station

Tuesday, January 25th

- 7:45 am Mass at hotel
- 8:30 am Board Bus
- 9:00 am Arrive at Lee-Fendall House in Alexandria, VA
- 11:00 am Arrive at Mount Vernon
- 6:00 pm Tour Gadsby's Museum
- 7:15 pm Dinner at Gadsby's Tavern
- 9:00 pm Night prayer - St. Joseph novena (6)
- 10:30 pm Movie "Country Remedy"

Wednesday, January 26th

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer - St. Joseph novena (7)
- 8:30 am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 10:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Sharing our God Moments
- 1:00 pm Arrival back to Farmington



**Please pray for those on the
Sacred Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.
Friday, January 21st - Wednesday, January 26th**

Washington D.C. Participants

<i>Fr. Rickey</i>	<i>Connie Grindel</i>	<i>Cindy Kelso</i>
<i>Lisa Arnold</i>	<i>Becky Gruhala</i>	<i>Dylan Kelso</i>
<i>Jordan Arnold</i>	<i>Andrew Gruhala</i>	<i>Zach Kelso</i>
<i>Justin Arnold</i>	<i>Kevin Hale</i>	<i>Ron LaPlant</i>
<i>Kevin Boatright</i>	<i>Emily Hale</i>	<i>Phyllis LaPlant</i>
<i>Pat Boatright</i>	<i>Barb Halter</i>	<i>Julie Resinger</i>
<i>Raul Borrego</i>	<i>Mark Halter</i>	<i>Jim Robert</i>
<i>Maureen Borrego</i>	<i>Rosetta Halter</i>	<i>Jill Robert</i>
<i>Paul Borrego</i>	<i>Veronica Halter</i>	<i>Terri Roney</i>
<i>Lily Borrego</i>	<i>Agnes Hinkebein</i>	<i>Jordan Roney</i>
<i>Rita Boyd</i>	<i>Doak Holloway</i>	<i>Nathan Stein</i>
<i>Walt Douglas</i>	<i>Annette Holloway</i>	<i>Lauren Stein</i>
<i>Debbie Douglas</i>	<i>Izzy Holloway</i>	<i>John Thurman</i>
<i>Dolores Eddleman</i>	<i>Trevor Holloway</i>	<i>Helen Thurman</i>
<i>Gene Eddleman</i>	<i>Dale Jones</i>	<i>Mark Trolinger</i>
<i>Becky Fingerhut</i>	<i>Arlene Jones</i>	<i>Phyllis Trolinger</i>
<i>Chris Fingerhut</i>	<i>Emily Jones</i>	<i>Taylor Trolinger</i>
<i>Hayden Fingerhut</i>	<i>Joni Jones</i>	<i>Tori Trolinger</i>
<i>Rob Grindel</i>	<i>Mike Kelso</i>	

***Thanks to all for their love and support
that made this trip possible!***



Why we are going on a Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.



These Life Principles express the ideals motivating prolife Americans and indicate the purpose of the MARCH FOR LIFE

- We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all human beings are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which is the right to life, and
- The right to life of each human being shall be presented and protected by every human being in the society and by the society as a whole, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from that human being's biological beginning when the Father's sperm fertilizes the Mother's ovum, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from the biological beginning throughout the natural continuum of the human being's life by all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected at each stage of the life continuum to the same extent as at each and every other stage regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected to the same extent as the life of each and every other human being regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and
- When there is any doubt that there exists a human being's life to preserve and protect, such doubt shall be resolved In favor of the existence of a human being, and
- When two or more human beings are in a situation in which their lives are mutually endangered, all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts shall be used to preserve and to protect the life of each and every human being so endangered.
- WHEREFORE, Pursuant To These Principles, we recommend and urge the adoption of a Mandatory HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT to the Constitution of the United States of America.

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This Week in Our Parish

Mon	01/17	No School Martin Luther King Day
Tues	01/18	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm • Cafeteria
Wed	01/19	PSR Classes 6:00 pm • School
		Baptism Prep Class 6:00 pm • Library
		Parish Rosary 7:15 pm • Church
		Bible Timeline 7:30 pm • Parish Center
Thurs	01/20	Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 am - 5:20 pm • Church
		Boy Scouts 6:30 pm • Cafeteria
Fri	01/21	All School Mass 8:05 am • Church
		Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. leaves at 6:00 pm
Sun	01/23	RCIA 9:00 am • Parish Center

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



Happy Birthday



<p><u>January 16th</u> Jerry Bach Rose Marie Boatright Marie Hermann</p>	<p><u>January 18th</u> Margaret Bone Gail Dunn Nancy Rariden Meri Williams</p>	<p><u>January 20th</u> Dick Chessey Rich Haffner Theresa Politte</p>
<p><u>January 17th</u> Alyssa Coleman Nathaniel Francis Pat Moore Carly Reidt Joann Thebeau</p>	<p><u>January 19th</u> John Allen Tom Burcham Carl Pruetzel Gary Strohmeier</p>	<p><u>January 21st</u> Evan McDaniel Terri Moore Amanda Orzel</p>
		<p><u>January 22nd</u> Cory Jones Shirley Morrow</p>



Happy Anniversary



<p><u>January 16th, 1954</u> Joe & Rose Smith</p>	<p><u>January 21st, 1995</u> Tom & Leslie Burcham</p>
<p><u>January 20th, 2006</u> Donald & Lynn McDaniel</p>	<p><u>January 21st, 1984</u> Milton & Gail Dunn</p>



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of January 17th - 23rd, 2011

Monday: St. Anthony

Readings: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22

7:00 am: **Communion Service**

Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c

Mk 2:23-28

7:00 am: **Joe & Mary Shields**

Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6

7:00 am: **Mary B. Herold**

Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17 Mk 3:7-12

7:00 am: **Willa Meyer**

Friday: St. Agnes

Readings: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14 Mk 3:13-19

7:00 am: **Velma Dollinger**

8:05 am: **Agnes Curtis**

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1,4,13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

5:00 pm **Lourdes & Julio Ubadillo**

Sunday:

7:30 am: **Frank Blumeyer**

9:00 am: **Parishioners**

10:30 am: **Leroy Fowler**

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"daily mass readings" for easy reference.



Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

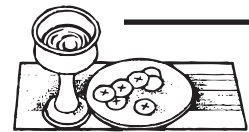
Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish. If you are a regular visitor and would like to join our parish, please return this form in next week's collection basket or stop by the Parish Office at 10 North Long Street.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, January 22nd

5:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Brian McNamara

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Denkler, Tom Karl, Jim Willis,
Linda Versluys, Laura Denkler

Ushers: John Jones, Mark Kellogg,
Richard Reney, Dennis Rogers

Servers: J. McNamara, K. Ramos, M. McNamara

Sunday, January 23rd

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg

Lector: Dottie Reeves

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jim Eaton, Bob Lowery,
Jack & Kathy Neiner

Ushers: Ed Brown, Tom Donze,
Francis Figge, Bob Govreau

Servers: T. Burcham, J. Burcham

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Dawn Fuemmeler

Extraordinary Ministers:

George & Sandi Kracke, Adam Barnhouse,
Charlotte Vander Bol, Alex Greif

Ushers: Dan Combs, John England,
Mike Ward, Bill Kure

Servers: D. Turner, J. Bone, C. Genenbacher

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Gary Berblinger

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jana Dore', Shirley Bieser,
William & Isa Sippo, Theresa Aubuchon

Ushers: Chuck Koppeis, Tom Lutsch,
Jim Robert, Travis Trolinger

Servers: A. Gruhala, E. Greif, M. Pfeiffer

Monday, January 17th, 2011

Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Connie Grindel,
Marie Herman, Jo Rustemeyer

Money Counters

Donna Black, Sue Brown, Mary Brady,
Helen Naeger, Kathy Neiner

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



Our rosary leaders will be:
Sandy Brooks, Sue Brown,
Beverly Bryant, Pat Dastoor, Barb Doss

The Mysteries this week are: **Luminous**

Our petition for this week will be:

“We ask our Lord to grant our Washington D.C. pilgrims a safe trip and many spiritual blessings.”

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of



Janet Forsythe

mother of Steve (Retta) Forsythe

Alice "Pat" Murphy

sister of Bob (Betty) Medley

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

We welcome into our faith community through Baptism...



Marshal Peyton Alfaro

son of George Alfaro and Rachel Gillespie

“May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.”

Psalm 91:11

Your Gifts to God and Parish

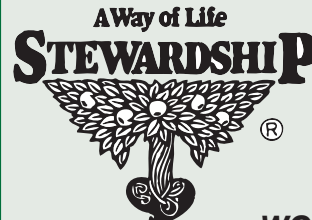
Sunday, January 9th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$12,825.14
Loose	\$355.28
Children's Envelopes	\$9.00
First Offering	\$245.00
Solemnity of Mary	<u>\$130.00</u>
	\$13,564.42

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$13,564.42	\$301,713.12
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$303,800.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$2,714.42	(\$2,086.88)

Partners in Education	\$140.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$130.00
Seminaries	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$635.00
Women of Mary	\$105.00
Respect Life	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1080.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” - Isaiah 49:5

God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it?

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

Please pray for: Marty Elbl, **Bill Wulfers**, Norma "Mutsie" Greif, **Charlotte Morris**, Della Stanfill, **Katara Corcoran**, Kathy Stephens, **Tom Rigdon**, **Bob Medley**, Kathy Krechnyak, Rhonda LaPierre, **Rose Trepasso**, **Mary Lou Lodholz**, **Doug Johnson**, **Jerry McDermott**, Barbara Oliver, Betty Basler, Doris Kraenzle, **Jo Anne Wolo**, Diane Layne, **Wilma Kernan**, **Mary Ann Burns**, **Howard Denton**, Becky Hassell, Tracy Beussink, Kathy Stewart, Joe Stewart, Mike Carriere, Meg Corizine, Jack Cunningham, Mazie Roegner, Jhena Copeland, Shannon Moorman, Kirk Family, Kathy Pearce, John Wieland, Doug Booth, **Charmaine McFarland**, **Robert McManus**, **Thelma Blake**, **Frances Zolman**.

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. . .

January 21st - 26th

Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for Annual March for Life



Sunday, January 30th

Our Father's Table

Friday, February 18th

Vocation Day with Fr. Rickey



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

Saturday, March 19th

Feast of St. Joseph



April 21st - 24th

The Sacred Triduum

Saturday, April 30th

First Communion at 11:00 am



Behold the Lamb of God

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. Did they associate that with the paschal lamb whose blood protected the Israelites from the Angel of Death? After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer, already acting like a disciple, before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

One is that John trusts God with things he did not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus, yet he trusts God's revelation that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit." (Jn 1:33) We too may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through John. Originally, John baptized others as sign of repentance but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel." (Jn 1:31) When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and he decides what the result will be. What looks like failure to us can be success in God's eyes.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. While that sounds obvious to us, it took courage to say that to people who would have thought it blasphemy. So even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. And you may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others. As we point out the Lamb of God to those who don't know Him, we get to know Him better ourselves.

(from "The Word in our Lives")

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It's interesting and rather prophetic that the emerging Christian Church would adopt basilicas as their worship space rather than the temple or synagogue. A basilica (translated as “the hall of the king”), is an imposing public building symbolizing the power and glory of the Roman Empire. The building, previously associated in every town with the dispensation of law and order, now became synonymous with the Christian faith. It seems that from the very beginning the Church aligned itself with secular authority in a very high profile way.

Constantine spent huge sums of money to build these large churches (basilicas) for Christian use. Though they had inherited and reshaped the synagogue liturgy of the word they needed a building that would contain a sanctuary and an altar. The “temple/synagogue”, or even the “house church”, did not offer this but the architecture of the basilica did.

Huge numbers of pagans converted to Christianity and brought with them some details of ceremonial worship from their temples and from the emperor's court...rituals and customs such as kissing holy objects as a sign of reverence, genuflecting and the use of incense found their way into the liturgy. Signs of honor – bows and incensing – given to the emperor, were adapted as gestures that revered the world's true ruler, the Lord God.

We've learned that for more than two centuries a well developed Liturgy of the Word with a Homily was in place. The Eucharistic Prayer had been standardized and was now called the “canon.” The portable wooden table used at home liturgies was replaced by altars of stone and marble. With this, the vision of Eucharist shifted from being a sacred banquet to being a sacred sacrifice. (Theologically speaking the Eucharist is both, but the artistic change introduced a different emphasis.)

At house liturgies the presider did not wear vestments. They wore the regular clothing of the day... their “Sunday best.” This custom continued as the Christians moved into basilicas and has continued to this day. The presider wore an alb (long or floor-length tunic, important because the barbarians wore short ones). Over this went a chasuble (translated as “a little house”)...a cloak with a hole in the middle for the head. Around the neck they wore a stole which functioned as a napkin to wipe away dust and sweat from the face and hands. At first this clothing and the vessels used during the liturgy were utilitarian...lacking in symbolism because it was the everyday clothing and domestic ware of the first century common man. The Church Fathers resisted worldly influence and eventually these older styles were retained only by the Church which determined how they were to be used and just who would wear them.

Now that they were free to do so... the Christians began to standardize the liturgical prayers. New liturgical books were created and valued such as the book of Gospels, a lectionary with the annual readings and a sacramentary with the Eucharistic Prayers.

Home & School Association

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



Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 20
St. Sebastian (Athletes)
Feast Day

Friday, January 28th
St. Thomas Aquinas (catholic
schools) Feast Day

January 31st - February 4th
Catholic Schools Week



Meet our 7th Grade

7th graders like to define themselves as awesome, fun, smart, and proud. They are talented in both sports and academics. Their competitive nature makes them strive for the spotlight where they have the ability to shine in most areas of interest. Their self-confidence and assurance is demonstrated by their love of singing and theatrical talent.

They enjoy working with our younger students, and look forward to next year when they can share their faith with our new kindergarten class as they accompany our new students to Mass each Friday. Their energy and enthusiasm will no doubt be a plus as they step in to the leadership role of Student Council members.

This year's 7th grade class consists of 12 students – 3 boys and 9 girls. 11 out of the 12 have been together since kindergarten.

Mark Your Calendar for the next **Our Father's Table**



**Sunday,
December 30th
4:00 - 6:00 pm**

We will be enjoying chicken parmesan, fettuccine alfredo, green beans 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 on Carleton Street, the main doors leading to our school gym/cafeteria.

"Good Deeds" from Our Children's Envelopes

Picking up my room • Jordyn

*In Eucharistic
Adoration, we are
not just thinking
about God, we
are with God!*



Visit our Risen Lord in
Eucharistic Adoration.

Eucharistic Adoration hours are
Thursdays from 7:30 am - 5:20 pm followed by
Benediction. Everyone is welcome to visit during
Adoration Hours! To sign up for a specific hour or
to be on the substitute list, please call Charlie and
Rita Boyd at 756-2383, or e-mail them at
ctboyd@sbcglobal.net.

Attention All 8th Grade School and PSR Students

This year's Confirmation Retreat will be held on
Saturday, February 5th, 2011 at Cardinal Rigali
Center in St. Louis. More details will follow. **All
Confirmation Candidates are expected to
attend this retreat.**

Sr. Barbara

Youth Group News

Greetings Parish!!!

Last week was the Vincentian Marian Youth's 7 year anniversary! It was celebrated by a Life Teen Mass and food and fellowship afterward.

Tonight, there will be Junior High Youth Group from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Senior High Youth Group from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Junior High Youth Group will also spend part of the time helping serve at "Our Father's Table."

Quote of the Week:

To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it. -- Mother Teresa



Boy Scout Troop 483



Chili Sale



The scouts will again be selling their **scrumptiously good** chili this winter. You may place orders from now until January 30th.

The chili will be delivered after all the masses on February 5th and 6th.

JUST IN TIME FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!

Place your orders below or call
Greg Rudroff at 330-8328 or Dale Jones at 631-2749



Yes, I/We would like to purchase chili from Boy Scout Troop 483.

Please reserve for me: Name(s) _____

1 - 24 oz. container for \$6.00 Address _____

2 - 24 oz. containers for \$11.00 Phone _____

3 - 24 oz. containers for \$15.00

Please drop this form in the collection basket or take by the parish office or Walgreens pharmacy.

Valentine Marriage Day of Renewal

*Workshop, Mass, Renewal of Vows
 and a Romantic Candlelight Dinner*

A marriage enrichment event, sponsored by the Office of Laity & Family Life, will be held **Sunday, February 13, 2011** at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. "Believe. . . in a love story," will be presented by Mike and Donna Eisenbath from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Mass, with renewal of vows, will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Santen at 5:00 pm. A romantic candlelight dinner will follow from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Cost is \$80 per couple for entire day, \$30 per couple for workshop only. Paid registration deadline is Monday, February 7th. Please call 314-792-7183 to register.

*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.*

Trivia Night



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

Payment must be received by February 22nd. Mail your check made out to St. Joseph Church along with your information to: Mary Smith • 501 Ste. Genevieve Ave. • Farmington, MO 63640