

**March 27th, 2011  
The Third Sunday of Lent**

***Congratulations to Our Young  
Adults Who Received the Sacrament  
of Confirmation on March 1st***



Pictured front row left to right: Courtney Nicholson, Alexis Wright, Sarah Rudroff, Katie Weidenbenner, Brooke Lappe, Miriam Colligan, Veronica Halter. Second row left to right: Mrs. Ree Rogers, Dylan Kelso, Andrew Willis, Trevor Holloway, John Burcham, Stephen Thome, Bishop Robert Hermann, Fr. Rickey Valleroy, Sebastian Brown, James Wolf, Jordan Roney, Mitchell Harris, Andrew Gruhala, Mrs. Susie Rohrer, Nathan Stein.

**Sharing in the hallmark of our parish. . .  
the spirit of hospitality.**

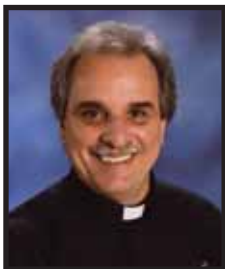


*Our thanks to our hosts for this coming Friday's Fish Fry:*

School Families, Parish Staff, Finance Committee,  
Respect Life Committee, Hospitality Committee,

**Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - School Faculty, School Board**

All parishioners are always needed and welcomed to come and help at any fish fry!



## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

### **Our Lenten Journey... Stations of the Cross Each Friday during Lent at 2:15 and 7:00 pm**

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection celebrated on Easter. During this season we are called to reflect and meditate on the sufferings and passion of Jesus Christ.

We are reminded that we cannot celebrate the joy of Easter without first encountering Christ's suffering and death. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstaining from meat on Fridays, and the traditional "give something up for Lent" are all avenues towards this encounter of suffering and death. Such devout practices make the joy of Easter that much more meaningful.

I truly encourage you to spend some time in prayer and reflect on how you wish to spend this Lenten season. It is an opportunity for spiritual enrichment, as we reflect deeply on Christ's suffering, Passion, and his death upon the cross.

Each Friday during Lent we will have the traditional **Stations of the Cross at 2:15 and 7:00 pm**. Please come and join us for this beautiful Lenten tradition of prayer.

I encourage you to attend the Stations of the Cross and experience the consolation they offer. Each Friday this Lenten season be renewed in this intimate experience of Jesus' solidarity with all humanity in our way of the cross.

On **Friday, March 26th** our students will present a Living Stations of The Cross at 2:15 and 7:00 pm.

### **Our Father's Table is This Evening**

This evening we will be having Our Father's Table and we warmly anyone who wishes to enjoy a warm meal to please come and join us between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Please invite anyone in our community who may be going through a tough time and are in need of some compassion or hope. The entrance is on Carleton Street, the main doors leading to our school gym/cafeteria.

## **Keep our Stars Shining Bright Sweepstakes Our 7th Annual Raffle Directly Benefits our Parish School!**

Our Home and School Association is currently hosting our 7th Annual "Keep Our Stars Shining Bright" Sweepstakes. For the last six years the funds from this raffle have gone directly to the school's budget and have also been a source of funding to supply our students with many needed items to enhance their learning. **Tickets will go on sale March 30th!** There will again be an **Early Bird drawing for \$1500 on April 27th** and the grand prize will be drawn on Wednesday, **May 11th** live on the air with Louie on KREI.

**It is because of the success of this fundraiser, our annual Dinner Auction and your faithful tithing each week that we have not had to raise our tuition the past six years.** We are hoping that all school families will support the school by each family selling three tickets. We are also asking PSR and preschool families to help support our ticket sales.

Imagine what you could do with an extra **\$10,000!!!** Please help support our mission of Catholic education. Tickets are available in the parish and school offices.

## **Lenten Fish Fry Update... We Served 891 Meals at Our Second Lenten Fish Fry!!!**

At our second Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 18th we served a total of 891 meals!!! Once again compliments were numerous on the menu and our selection of fish!

Our thanks to all of the parishioners who worked so hard to make our third Fish Fry of the Lenten season so successful!!! Our special gratitude goes to all of our School Families, Parish Staff, Finance Committee, Respect Life Committee, Hospitality Committee, School Faculty, and School Board who did an excellent job serving as our hosts for our third fish fry of the season. The warm hospitality shown to our guests is the hallmark of our faith community! Thank you to the many parishioners who pitched in and helped out where needed!

What a great spirit of hospitality we have here at St. Josephs. Be sure to invite your family and friends to the next Fish Fry. You will find a full report on the fish fries on page 10 of this bulletin.

## Fish Fry Meals Available to be Delivered to Our Homebound

If you know of someone who is registered in our parish family who is homebound and who is on our communion call list and would like a fish fry meal brought to their home, please contact our Parish Health Minister, **Agnes Hinkebein**, at the parish office.

If you would like to volunteer to deliver some of these meals to our shut-ins, I am sure that Agnes would be greatly appreciative of your assistance. A great Lenten opportunity for you, (and your children) to visit and bring love and compassion to those who would greatly appreciate a visit.

## An Old Fashion Bake Sale Soon...

Mark your calendars for our annual **Women of Mary** bake sale that will be held on **Palm Sunday Weekend (April 16th and 17th) after all the masses in the parish center**. All proceeds from the bake sale go to support the activities of our **Women of Mary** such as new altar linens, our funeral luncheons, and cleaning supplies for our church.

## Easter Flower Memorials

**A beautiful way to remember those who now share in the resurrection of Christ in Eternal Life...**

If you would like to remember a loved one with a special memorial this Easter Season, you can do so by donating to the Easter flowers that will adorn our sacred space this Easter season. You will find a memorial envelope in your monthly offering envelopes or you may bring your memorial by the parish office by **Monday, April 18th**.

**This is an especially wonderful way to remember those who loved St. Joseph's parish and have gone before us!** We will publish all memorials in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

## Remembering Those Serving our Country this Easter Season

We would like to remember the members of our families who are currently in active duty serving our country this Easter season by having a page dedicated to them in our Easter bulletin. If you have an immediate member of your family currently serving our country, please contact Sandy, our bulletin editor, this week to let her know. **Names must be submitted by Monday, April 18th**.

## Our Next Yesterday's Kids Trip will be one of the Most Unique Ever!!

**A Day in Historical Ste. Genevieve on May 11th**

This unique day (for all parishioners 55 and older) will consist of spending the day in historical downtown Ste. Genevieve including a tour of the church and historical homes. You'll definitely want to experience the uniqueness of this trip because we will have our very own **Ste. Genevieve girls** as tour guides for a walk around the square telling the stories of their childhood while growing up in St. Gen. In a small group you will be joining Ste. Gen natives **Ginger Baechle, Sue Brown, or Jackie Maloney**.

Lunch will be at **Anvil's** (home of the best gizzards in Missouri) with a very special genealogical presentation of these Ste. Gen girls' families researched by Fr. Rickey. (This you definitely will not want to miss!) The day will include some time for shopping and will involve walking. Since our transportation for the day will be a school bus we are able to offer this fun filled day for only \$25 per person which will include the bus, lunch, and admissions for the historical homes. Please see next weekend's bulletin for more details and registration.

## Helping with the Spirit of Hospitality at our Fish Fry ...

Parking is always at a premium for our parish Fish Fries. In keeping with our Lenten spirit and our continued focus on our spirit of hospitality, if you are working at the fish fry would you consider parking in the Lober Building parking lot to give our guests a chance for closer parking? Not only would you be offering this small action for the greater good of our parish, you could also eat a bit more at the fish fry knowing that you will be walking off a few of the calories by walking to your car!!! ☺

## And Finally. . .

I hope you will join us for our "Born in the Spirit" Mission this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. This week's presenter is **Mrs. Ramona Neumann** on "The Power of the Spirit".

**"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**

## Our Pastoral Team

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**Shirley Bieser**..... Pastoral Council

**Chuck Hayden**..... Financial Commission

**Ed Brown**..... Cemetery Association  
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### Parish Business Office Hours

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## 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	03/28	<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b> 7:00 pm • Parish Center
Tues	03/29	<b>Cub Scouts Regatta Race</b> 6:30 pm • Gym <b>Born in the Spirit Mission</b> 7:00 pm • Church
Wed	03/30	<b>PSR Classes</b> 6:00 pm • School <b>Parish Rosary</b> 7:15 pm • Church <b>Bible Timeline</b> 7:30 pm • Parish Center
Thurs	03/31	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 7:30 am - 5:20 pm • Church <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6:00 pm • Cafeteria
Fri	04/01	<b>All School Mass</b> 8:05 am • Church <b>First Friday Adoration</b> 8:30 am - 2:15 pm • Church <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 2:15 and 7:00 pm • Church <b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> 4:00 - 7:00 pm • Gym
Sun	04/27	<b>RCIA</b> 9:00 am • Parish Center <b>Spanish Mass</b> 3:00 pm • Church



## Happy Birthday



March 27th

**Diane Hitson**  
**Paige King**

March 30th

**Michaela-Grace**  
**Goodson**

April 1st

**Anton Aseniero**  
**Dillion Boyd**

March 28th

**Juanita Beekman**  
**Carol Brinkman**  
**Allyn Rizo Marinez**

**James Martin**  
**Jim Obenauer, III**  
**Rose Trepasso**

**Katie Tucker**

**Todd Erpenbach**  
**James Hardy**  
**Ashley Odle**

**Jake Politte**

**Savannah Schafer**

March 29th

**Susie Calvin**  
**Pat Koppeis**

March 31st

**August Brockland**  
**Robert Casey**

**Ragie Raga**  
**Alexis Wright**

**Gina Schuch**  
**Dave Williams**

April 2nd

**Kenneth Bryant**



## Happy Anniversary



March 30th, 2007  
**Brandon & Julia Geiler**



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of March 28th - April 3rd, 2011

### Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4  
Lk 4:24-30

7:00 am: **Jack Manley**

### Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35

7:00 am: **Penny Elrod Stevens**

### Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20  
Mt 5:17-19

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

### Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23

7:00 am: **Brian Heberlie**

### Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17  
Mk 12:28-34

7:00 am: **Moorman Family**

8:05 am: **Catherine Willis**

### Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23:1-6  
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

5:00 pm **Tom King**

### Sunday:

7:30 am: **Velda Schnurbusch**

9:00 am: **Parishioners**

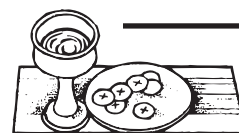
10:30 am: **Cecilia Bergman**

visit [www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://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 2nd

#### 5:00 pm Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** Rick Conklin

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Jim Willis, Laura Denkler,

Agnes Hinkebein, Donna Conklin

**Ushers:** Ralph Trepasso, Buddy Bordewick,

Donald Boyd, James Cissell

**Servers:** as scheduled

### Sunday, April 3rd

#### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** Bob Lowery

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Missy Mitchell, Steve Forsythe, Jim Eaton,

Kathy Neiner, Vicky Damba

**Ushers:** Charles Govreau, Dale Jones,

Jack Neiner, Chester Ott

**Servers:** as scheduled

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Lector:** Vanessa Trokey

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

George Kracke, Adam Barnhouse,

Alex Greif, Mitch & Dawn Fuemmeler

**Ushers:** Dale Springs, Don Trokey,

Mike Turner, Mike Ward

**Servers:** as scheduled

#### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Deacon:** Deacon Al Gegg

**Lector:** Bill Sippo

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Jana Dore', Shirley Bieser,

Charlie Boyd, John Thurman

**Ushers:** Jim Robert, Travis Trolinger,

John Bieser, Mark Bieser

**Servers:** as scheduled

## Monday, March 28th, 2011

### Sacristans

Pat Boatright, Theresa Kellogg,

Julie Sandweg, Christy Turner

### Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie Maloney,

Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon

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



Our rosary leaders will be:  
Pat Dastoor, Barb Doss, Jeanne Gegg,  
Joni Jones, Jackie Maloney

The Mysteries this week are: **Sorrowful**

Our petition for this week will be:

**“We ask our Lord to give us the grace to sow seeds of peace and love, for we all reap what we sow.”**

**We welcome into our faith community through Baptism. . .**



**Gage Samuel Whitener**  
son of Jacob and Amanda Whitener

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

Everyone is invited to  
**Our Father’s Table**



**TODAY,**  
**March 27th**  
**4:00 - 6:00 pm**

We will be enjoying roasted chicken, spanish rice, corn, and a dinner salad. Please invite anyone you know that may be in need of a great home-made meal served with love and compassion to join us. The entrance on Carleton Street, the main doors leading to our school gym/cafeteria.

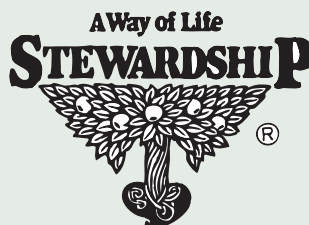
**Your Gifts to God and Parish**  
Sunday, March 20th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$8,135.00
Loose	\$325.48
Children’s Envelopes	<u>\$1.66</u>
	<b>\$8,462.14</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$8,462.14	\$405,316.62
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$412,300.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$2,387.86)	<b>(\$6,983.38)</b>

Maintenance & Repair	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$58.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$78.00

**Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!**



**“Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’”**  
**John 4:7**

How often through our lives does Jesus ask us to give Him a drink? Remember that Jesus lives in every person who is physically hungry and thirsty and also in all those who thirst for compassion, love or care. Mother Teresa was motivated in her work in Calcutta by two of Our Lord’s last words as He hung on the cross. “I thirst” – John 19:28 Sometimes it may be difficult for us to give the drink that Jesus asks from us. Yet, can we really refuse to share our time, talent or treasure to relieve Our Lord’s thirst in this world?

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

**Please pray for:** Breaura 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, Kerry Creech, **Paul Gremminger**, **Edsel Wade**, **Tom Rigdon**, Kathy Krechnyak, **Jerry McDermott**, Jane Wurst, Sharon Gonzalez, Lisa Kissel, Karen Abney, Elizabeth Marinoble, **Mary Beth Baker**, Jean Bach, **Mary Lou Lodholz**, Norma Clauser, Jim Redmond, Richard Gram, **Howard Denton**, **Marilyn Trokey**, **Gerald Ellis**, **Mildred Bourisaw**, **Laura Leachman**.

**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. . .

**Friday, April 1st**  
Next Fish Fry  
of the Lenten Season  
4:00 - 7:00 pm in the Gym



**April 21st - 24th**  
The Sacred Triduum



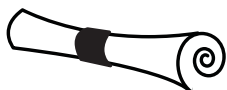
**Wednesday, April 27th**  
Easter "Bit of Comfort"

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



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

**Sunday, May 15th**  
High School Graduates  
Mass and Brunch



**Tuesday, May 22nd**  
Eighth Grade Graduation

## Basket for Life



The **Respect Life Committee** has placed a basket in the rear of church filled with plastic eggs. Inside each egg is listed a baby item. Please take an egg during Lent and buy the item listed inside the egg. **After** Easter we will have a collection box in church to drop off your baby item. These will be given to our local hospitals and the Pregnancy Resource Center for families needing baby items. We appreciate your help!

## Time waits for no one! But the Lord Jesus is waiting for you!



*We are in need of someone to fill the 9:30 - 10:30 am time slot for 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! For more information or to sign up contact Charlie and Rita Boyd at 756-2383, or e-mail them at [ctboyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctboyd@sbcglobal.net).

## Attention ALL St. Joseph Parishioners



Pies and cakes are needed in the gym on Friday afternoons for our annual Lenten Fish Fries. ALL parish families are asked to bring a dessert and the Women of Mary will cut and plate them. If you would like your dishes returned please be sure to put your name on them. It would be helpful if you could label what your dessert is as well. Thank you.

# Welcome

## We Warmly Welcome the Following New Parishioners

**Scott & Keli Keutzer and their son Gavin**

**Logan Cannell**

**Kelly Turner and her two daughters,  
Rachel and Riley**

*Please welcome these new parishioners to our St. Joseph's faith community!*

## Picnic Help

We are in need of chairmen and workers in the following picnic areas: Grand Raffle, "Big Kid" Games, and the Dining Room. If you are able to help out in any of these areas please call Dave and Bridgette Sansegraw at 756-5082 or Sandy at the parish office at 756-4250.



## Home & School Association

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



### Upcoming Events

**March 30th**  
Stars Shining Bright Raffle begins

**March 31st**  
Field trip to Space Museum

**April 1st**  
1:00 pm Dismissal



## Meet our 2nd Grade Class

Second grade is an important spiritual year for students as they prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and their First Communion. In math, students work on their addition and subtraction facts, as well as, the application of these skills. Other math topics learned in second grade include place value, making change, telling time, estimation, and regrouping. Second grade students are exposed to a variety of literary genres including fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Students also utilize our Reading Counts program to take quizzes on books they have read encouraging them to read for fun. In addition to these reading programs, students continue to build upon their spelling lists and vocabulary.

Second graders will expand their writing skills through a daily writing workshop utilizing the six traits of writing: use of ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency and conventions. In science, students will investigate a variety of topics including magnets, sound, simple machines, plants, properties of matter, and animals. In social studies, second graders learn about Native Americans, maps, transportation and communication, the US Constitution, and the seven continents. Technology is widely utilized in second grade. The Smart Board, which is an interactive white board, is frequently used to enhance daily lessons. Students also use computers for typing, research, interactive lessons, and webquests.

### Youth Group News

Greetings Fellowship! Last week our Youth Group was blessed enough to be able to enjoy the beautiful weather and have Bible Study outside on the playground! We tossed around the football for a little while and were able to read through some of the prayers in St. Therese of Lisieux's "Simply Surrender".

This week there will be youth group from 4:00 to 7:00 pm assisting with "Our Father's Table." Can't wait to see you all there!

Quote of the Week: "Loving Father, help me to understand that the only sand you wish me to be is the sand that I can be." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Join Us For



# BORN<sup>OF THE</sup> SPIRIT Mission

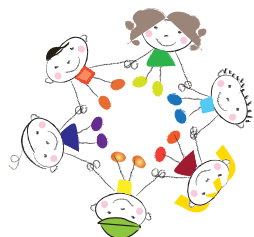
Tuesday, March 29th  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

**"The Power of the Spirit" presented  
by Mrs. Ramona Neumann**

Each evening will include music by  
Daryl Buchheit and be followed  
by a reception of cookies, punch  
and coffee in the parish center.

## **FREE baby sitting available!**

This mission seeks to provide solid teaching on  
our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit. Please join us. For more information you  
may contact Phyllis LaPlant at 573-756-3261  
or Dawn Fuemmeler at 573-756-9853.



# Summer Scholars

**St. Joseph Preschool • June 6th - August 5th 2011**

St. Joseph Summer Scholars is offering many interesting classes and trips that our students will find exciting and fun. Our classes will allow your child a chance to engage in active, tangible learning experiences that will stimulate their creativity, enhance their skills, and allow them the opportunity to build friendships in a relaxed Christian environment. The daily schedule includes time for prayer, small and large group activities, snacks, lunch, exercise, and a rest or quiet period depending on your child's needs. Summer Scholars is open to students of all faiths who are ages 3 through children who will attend second grade.

Morning classes are from 8:00 until 11:30 am. Lunch and quiet time is from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Afternoon Activities are from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. We can also provide after school care until 5:30 pm at a rate of \$2.00 per hour. We have both part and full time options available. For more information you may contact the parish office at 756-4250 or stop by to pick up an enrollment form.

# St. Joseph's Lenten Fish Fries

## Next Fish Fry - Friday, April 1st

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

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

Adults \$8.00, Children (6-12) \$4.00, Children 5 and under FREE



### Menu Includes



Three types of fish:  
Catfish, Tilapia, and Pollock

Sides of hush puppies, cole slaw, green beans, stewed tomatoes, french fries, macaroni and cheese, and a specialty side dish each week

Your choice of tea, coffee or lemonade

Delicious homemade desserts prepared by Women of Mary



### Specialty items each week are:

April 1st - bean casserole • April 8th - onion rings • April 15th - shrimp

*Your hosts for this coming Friday evening will be the*

School Families, Parish Staff, Finance Committee, Respect Life Committee, Hospitality Committee, **Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - School Faculty, School Board**



## Lenten Fish Fry Update



As we continue our Lenten journey, we remember our Corporal works of mercy for the poor by sponsoring a 50/50 drawing at each of our Lenten Fish Fries. The proceeds of the 50/50 will go to this year's "Help the Hungry Bake Sale". The second week's winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Lee Schwent, Sr.** who won **\$214.50** and donated \$115.50 back to the Bake Sale.

<u>Fish Fry</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Net Profit</u>
1	3/11	800	\$2786.35
2	3/18	891	\$3788.05

**God has truly blessed our efforts and to date we have raised \$6,574.40 for our parish!!!**

*Women of Mary wish to thank everyone of the parish who have been baking desserts for the Fish Fries and ask your continued support for the remaining dinners. Thank you.*



# Thank You St. Joseph Knights of Columbus for all that you do!!



## The Past Six Grand Knights of Council 12332

- John Denkler, 1999-2001
- Mark Trolinger, 2001-2003
- Bill Jokerst, 2003-2005
- Mark Kellogg, 2005-2007
- Mike Ward, 2007-2010
- Current Grand Knight John Thurman, 2010 - present
- Not pictured is John Davis who was the first Grand Knight upon charter of the council in January of 1999.

Throughout 2010 the Knights of Columbus Council of our Parish has raised and donated over \$14,000 to charitable activities including our Parish, our Community, and our Youth. Monies raised from the Monthly Sunday Breakfast support our school with new technology, field trips to St. Louis, and many other much needed items. The Knights of Columbus raise and distribute money to help the intellectually disabled, the local Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Religious Information Bureau, Seminarian sponsorship, and much more. The estimated hours of volunteer work only covers the organized events and doesn't begin to cover the many hours our Knights dedicate themselves to helping in our Parish and Community. In 1999, the Knights chartered membership was at 38 members, today they are at 115 members strong and still growing!

## Charitable Disbursements and Hours of Service

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Church Facilities .....	\$2,543.00
Catholic Schools .....	\$2,395.00
Religious Education .....	\$185.00
Seminarian Sponsorship .....	\$600.00
Vocation Projects .....	<u>\$360.00</u>
Total Church Disbursements .....	\$6,083.00

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Intellectual Disabilities .....	\$3,032.00
Human Needs .....	\$2,126.00
Miscellaneous .....	<u>\$108.00</u>
Total Community Disbursements .....	\$5,266.00

### PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Donations .....	\$1,160.00
Birthright .....	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total Pro-Life Disbursements .....	\$2,360.00

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Athletics .....	\$150.00
Scholarship / Education .....	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Youth Disbursements .....	\$300.00

### TOTAL CHARITABLE

**DISBURSEMENTS .....** **\$14,009.00**

### ESTIMATED HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

Church .....	900
Community .....	275
Youth .....	80
Miscellaneous .....	250
Visits to sick/disabled members .....	<u>80</u>
<b>Total Estimated Hours of Service .....</b>	<b>1,585</b>

**Number of Units of Blood Donated..... 101**

# Third Sunday of Lent



## Prayer for Water

God our Father,  
 through your Son  
 you created all life  
 and the waters that give life.  
 We come to the well,  
 like the Samaritan woman,  
 seeking refreshment.  
 Help us to see  
 in all the dry places of our lives  
 the "spring of water  
 gushing up to eternal life."  
 Give us these clear and  
 abundant waters  
 that never cease to cleanse and  
 refresh us.  
 We ask this through the same  
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sunday, March 27, 2011 Well of Surprises

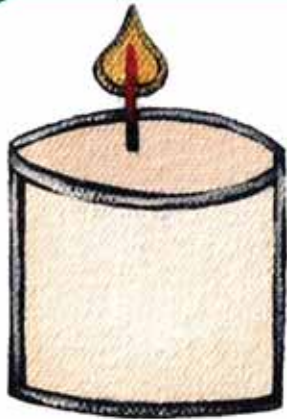
Today's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42. In today's Gospel, Jesus arrives at the well tired, thirsty, and aware that he's among Samaritans who have a long history of conflict with his people. He immediately breaks a social taboo, since a good Jewish boy would never speak to a woman (even his mother, wife, or sister) in public. So the Samaritan woman is surprised—and intrigued. Jesus refuses to categorize her by gender or nationality. He begins by expressing poignant human need, to quench thirst, the same thirst he named from the cross. Then he engages in conversation with her, just as he did with Martha, Peter, and the other disciples.

Jesus' habit of engaging people in catechetical conversations is notable: some point out that the Trinity itself is a marvelous conversation or dance among the three Persons of

God. In contrast, the one-sided lecture approach to passing on faith is less engaging. Jesus' conversation liberates the woman from prejudices and irrelevant beliefs. *Where* we worship is secondary, he says. *How* we worship is primary.

Since Jesus has invited the woman's participation from the beginning, it's natural for her to become involved in spreading the Good News. She leaves behind her water jar, a metaphor for exhausted systems and drudgery, in her eagerness to tell her village about Jesus.

The Samaritan woman got more than she bargained for when she went to draw water. She got a life-giving spring, gushing up to eternal life. And we, too, working at the old tasks, the same routines, or the endless chores, might be surprised by a stranger.



## This Week at Home



### Monday, March 28 Another Water Well

The youth group at St. Edward's parish in Arlington, Virginia, challenged their parish: drink no other beverage but water for a week. No Starbucks, orange juice, alcohol, or soda pop. Give the money saved to places that desperately need clean water. (In this case, it helped their sister parish in Central America.) To honor the Samaritan woman in yesterday's Gospel, this week adopt this practice for your parish or try it yourself in your household. Then find a good place to send the funds. Today's Readings: 2 Kings 5:1–15b; Luke 4:24–30.

### Tuesday, March 29 Generous Mercy

In today's Gospel, Peter wants to know just how merciful Jesus expects his disciples to be. How often must we forgive? Jesus gives a figure far beyond Peter's expectations and then tells a parable about a king who generously forgives his slave's debt. But when the slave refuses mercy to a fellow slave, the king is outraged. Receiving mercy and granting mercy are both important spiritual skills. Which of these is more difficult for you? Today's Readings: Daniel 3:25, 34–43; Matthew 18:21–35.

### Wednesday, March 30 Sister Thea Bowman

On March 30, 1990, Thea Bowman died of cancer at age 53. The Catholic community lost a light, a voice, a treasure, a shining bridge between African Americans and the mainstream Church. A convert at age 10, she left her Mississippi home to become the only black sister in her order in Wisconsin. She affirmed African American Catholic spirituality through music, dance, and testimonials at the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, New Orleans. Thea was a blessing to all Catholics, sharing her heritage of survival and peaceful resistance, sung in gospel music. Thea earned her doctorate at Catholic University and spoke with power and eloquence to

hundreds of groups around the country. Read more in *This Little Light* by Michael O'Neill McGrath (Maryknoll: Orbis, 2008). Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Matthew 5:17–19.

### Thursday, March 31 A Home for Lent

How can we stay alert to the Lenten practices we've chosen? One way is to provide visual cues in our homes. Since Lent is about paring down, simplify your decor by putting away decorations and creating a spare look. Somewhere central, place a violet cloth (violet is Lent's liturgical color) and a crucifix or Bible. If there are children in your household, let them help you decide how Lent should look and feel in your home. Today's Readings: Jeremiah 7:23–28; Luke 11:14–23.

### Friday, April 1 First of All

Lent is all about cutting away the frills and zooming in on the essentials. Today's Gospel helps us do just that as Jesus answers a scribe's question about which commandment is "first of all." Loving "the Lord your God with all your heart . . . soul . . . mind, and . . . strength" isn't easy for us distracted humans. What helps you to follow this commandment? If there are children in your household, they may have especially interesting answers to share. Today's Readings: Hosea 14:2–10; Mark 12: 28–34.

### Saturday, April 2 Finding Your Truest Self in Prayer

Today's Gospel is Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The first is impressed with himself and reminds God of all his achievements. The second doesn't dare approach but merely repeats, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." How do you pray? Today, try resting in silence, allowing God's greatness to fill your emptiness. Today's Readings: Hosea 6:1–6; Luke 18:9–14.



# The Answer is Always “Jesus”

**Sr. Barbara Wentworth, DHM • Parish Religion Coordinator**



With the disturbing debates between Berengar and Lanfranc (circa 1050 -1080 AD) resolved and the subsequent teaching of the Fourth Lateran Council firmly in place (1215 AD)... **that under the appearance of bread and wine, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar** ... the Church quietly slid into the huge surprise of the Reformation.

It began quietly. Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk, took exception to the practice of selling indulgences. *An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven... (CC 1471).* Now in all fairness, it's not recorded anywhere that the Church officially sanctioned the sale of indulgences but it worked this way....a *pardonner* who sold the indulgence put a price tag on different sins. A venial sin was less expensive than a mortal sin...so you could sin all you wanted if you had the money to buy your 'forgiveness.' This practice was to the benefit of the rich and they made good use of the advantage afforded them.

Luther's wrath was directed at the Church for not stopping the *unauthorized* sale of these indulgences which were offered as "get out of *jail* free cards," and not at the Church for selling them...there was is no evidence that The Church was officially involved in the practice! But in reality this source of revenue was filling the Church's coffers and the Pope at the time, Leo X (1513-21), turned a blind-eye to the practice because he wanted to build a mighty Cathedral in Rome...St. Peter's.

On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther posted his "ninety-five theses" on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He challenged the academic community to debate the subject of the sale of indulgences. No one came to the debate but copies of the "ninety-five theses" circulated throughout Germany and initiated what we know as the Protestant Reformation. It irrevocably divided the Roman Catholic Church. Luther's actions led finally to the great Council of Trent (1545) which would last eighteen years and would address the doctrinal challenges posed by Luther. This Council which actually "sat" for only four years affected the pastoral life the Church for the next four hundred years. To say it was effective would be an understatement. Its decisions were wise and monumental and its pastoral decrees still stand today.

The first order of business was to clear up the confusion about Catholic teachings....The thirty Bishops who gathered taught that on matters of doctrine Scripture and Tradition were foundational. It denied that faith alone was sufficient for salvation but that hope and charity were also necessary for the virtue of love in cooperation with the grace of God should result in good works. They reasserted the faith of the Church in the truth of the seven sacraments and reiterated and retained the teachings of IV Lateran in the Real Presence/transubstantiation. It affirmed the divine institution of the priesthood and recognized the supremacy of the pope and the tradition of apostolic succession. The Council told the Bishops to stay in their diocese and priests in their parishes in order to better shepherd their people. The sale of clergy jobs and indulgences was forbidden. The Council decreed that seminaries were to be built to properly educate and form future priests. It abolished the practice of offering a number of "private masses" for a stipend and commissioned the writing of a catechism, and the revision and reformation of the Liturgy. The pope who was elected to carry out these ambitious decrees was Pope Pius V (1566-1572). He was made of "stern" stuff...a well-educated, ascetic, mendicant friar who refused to shed his white Dominican habit for the traditional crimson/gold papal garb when elected. Because of Pius V, the Pope, to this day, still wears white!



## Would you like to win a FREE Lenten fish fry meal?

All you need to do is correctly identify the most number of children in photo shown to the left. Pictured is the kindergarten class of 1952 with Fr. Joseph Gottwald. For those wishing to guess please turn your written list of names in order from left to right into the parish office by Wednesday, March 30th at noon. To whomever lost this photo in church the weekend of March 6th you may pick it up in Sandy's office. ☺