

# *St. Joseph Catholic Church*

## *Farmington, Missouri*

Join us for a special book signing by Katie Schwent in the Parish Center after all masses.



Join us for doughnuts **TODAY** in the Parish Center after mass.



**March 6th, 2011**

**The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Living the Gospel Message Since 1890*

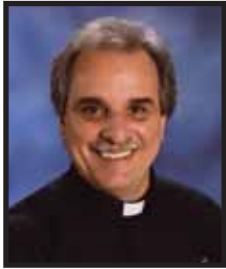
***Please place your FISH FRY SIGN in your yard.***



## **All You Can Eat Fish Frys**

begins this Friday, February 11th at 4:00 pm in the Gym

Help us to announce to the Farmington community about our Fish Frys at St. Joseph Parish by displaying a sign in your yard!!



## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Ash Wednesday Our Lenten Journey Begins...

This Wednesday begins our traditional spiritual journey of Lent; a time of penance, spiritual renewal and anticipation of Easter joy.

**Have you given any thought yet to what you will do this Lenten Season to enhance your spiritual growth?** As an adult, how about adding an additional 10 minutes of prayer each day? Daily mass? A true intention of going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Setting aside the Lenten season to stay home and have dinner **every** night with the family? Reconciling with a family member? Maybe praying the Stations of the Cross? Reading a bit of scripture each day? A weekly visit on Thursdays for Eucharistic Adoration? Attending our parish mission *Born of the Spirit* on Tuesday evenings?

Please see the Lenten meditations for Ash Wednesday and the rest of this week in today's bulletin for some great spiritual exercises for yourself and for the family. Let us open our hearts this Lenten season to God's transforming life with each of us! **It's easy to BE Catholic but a life changing experience to LIVE Catholic!!!**

Our Baptismal calling encourages us to do much more. Through his example of forty days in the desert, Jesus asks us to return to the basics of our faith: **to pray, fast, give alms, and perform works of mercy. May the ashes truly remind us to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.**

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 am, 8:05 am and 7:00 pm.

### Our 2012 Annual Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the Annual March for Life is Filled!!!

On Thursday, February 24th we had the pot luck pasta reunion for the pilgrims that attended this year's 38th annual March for Life at our Nation's capitol. We have **56** individuals sign up stating that they are positively interested in going next year! We will have **18** parishioners joining us for the first time. What an awesome response from a parish our size!

## Rite of Sending

**We welcome our Catechumens and Candidates who will be joining us in full communion at our Easter Vigil**

Next weekend on March 13th at the 9:00 am mass we will celebrate the **Rite of Sending** for those who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. At this Mass, the Priest will ask the sponsors and the community of St. Josephs if we feel that our Catechumens and Candidates have been sincere in the desire to join us and have fully participated in their preparation. Their sponsors have written a letter to our Archbishop recommending that they be received into the Church. After the signing of their name in the Book of the Elect, we will send them forth to celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica where **Archbishop Carlson** will then officially invite them to the Easter Sacraments. From now until Easter they will be known as the **Elect**. We assure our prayers to our:

### Catechumens

those who will be baptized:

Adults

**Kristin Baechle**

Children

**Katherine Baechle (9)**

**Nicholas Baechle (7)**

**Daniel Judd (8)**

**Dagny McCarver (3)**

**Hunter Nickelson (5)**

**Rachel Turner (9)**

**Riley Turner (9)**

### Candidates

those who will be received into full Communion of the church at the Easter Vigil:

Adults

**Ronald Lee Brooks**

**Stephanie Boshoff**

**Paul Boshoff**

**Jason Gilliam**

**Shawn Sales**

**Arial Johnson**

**Shawn McCarver**

**Julie McCarver**

**Angela Nickelson**

Children

**Grace Ann Gilliam**

**Trent Sparr**

## Auxilliary Bishop-emeritus Robert J. Hermann Celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation

Our deepest gratitude to **Bishop Robert J. Hermann** who was the celebrant of the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Tuesday, March 1st. What an honor and joy it was for our young adults to celebrate this Sacrament with the Bishop!!

Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

**John Burcham** ..... St. Anthony  
**Sebastian Brown** ..... St. Anthony of Padua  
**Miriam Colligan**..... St. Clare  
**Andrew Gruhala**..... St. Anthony  
**Mitchell Harris**..... St. Thomas  
**Veronica Halter** ..... St. Veronica  
**Trevor Holloway**..... St. Patrick  
**Dylan Kelso** ..... St. Florian  
**Brooke Lappe** ..... St. Anne  
**Courtney Nicholson** ..... St. Cecilia  
**Jordan Roney** ..... St. George  
**Sarah Rudroff**..... St. Agnes  
**Stephen Thome**..... St. Louis  
**Katie Weidenbenner** ..... St. Cecilia  
**Andrew Willis** ..... St. Andre Bessette  
**James Wolf**..... St. Michael the Archangel  
**Alexis Wright**..... St. Alexander Sauli

We welcomed **Bishop Hermann** to a special dinner in his honor before the mass that was hosted by our Women of Mary. In attendance were the following parishioners serving as representatives of our parish family: **Fr. Dyer**; our Director of Religious Education, **Sr. Barbara Wentworth**; our School Principal, **Susie Rohrer** and her husband **Ken**; our Parish Council President, **Shirley Bieser**; our School Board President **Mr. Rusty Ramos** and his wife **Jane**; and special guest **Marie Hermann**, sister of the Bishop.

My sincere thanks to **Sue Brown, Ginger Baechle, Mary Lou Brady, Jackie Maloney** who prepared the meal and served as our hosts for the evening. The food was delicious and the hospitality outstanding.

A special thank you to Bishop Hermann for the generous amount of time that he gave to our Confirmandi.

## Lenten Mission: *Born of the Spirit* to be offered here at St. Josephs Each Tuesday During Lent

I am thrilled to share with you the details of a Lenten Mission that will take place here during the Lenten season. The "Born of the Spirit" Mission seeks to provide solid teaching on our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The various themes and speakers can be found on page 9. Free baby sitting will be available.

This is an awesome opportunity for strengthening our spiritual lives this Lenten season. My sincere thanks to **Phyllis LaPlant** for all of her time and talents in organizing this special mission for our parish.

## Our Lenten Fish Frys Begin This Friday

**We are counting on everyone to help  
make the season one of warm hospitality.**

Catholic Parishes are known for many things, the Lenten Fish Fry being one of them. Parishes are often identified and known for their warm hospitality. **Our Lenten Fish Fries have done that for us!** We had a tremendous response the last five years! **Our Fish Frys are about bringing the community together and the opportunity for evangelization.**

For the last few years the community of Farmington was aglow with our Lenten purple signs advertising our Fish Frys. If you still have your sign we ask you to please place it in your yard this week.

Again this year we will offer "**ALL YOU CAN EAT**" at our Fish Fries that will be held in the gym and served buffet style.

We will again be offering catfish along with tilapia and pollock. Each week we will offer cole slaw, hush puppies, green beans, stewed tomatoes, french fries, macaroni and cheese and a specialty dish. The cost, **which includes dessert**, is **\$8.00** for adults, **\$4.00** for children (6-12 years old) and **free** for children 5 and under.

We will again remember the poor of our community by hosting a **50/50 raffle** each week. The proceeds go to the **Help the Hungry Bake Sale**. Our quilters will again offer chances on a beautiful homemade quilt. These proceeds will also go the Help the Hungry Bake Sale.

## Please Note a Change This Year For Our Organizations Hosting the Fish Fries We need a clean up crew.

During the past few years hospitality has been the hallmark of each of our Fish Frys. I've had several people approach me asking if we can extend the time of our fish frys. After speaking to several of the organizers it was decided that we will keep our hours as they have been in the past, but we will not start taking down tables and chairs until 7:30. Please note that we have changed our organization work list to have a group responsible for clean up each week. This will aid greatly to our spirit of hospitality by not rushing our guests who come near closing time.

**Please let your family and friends know that we do serve until 7:00 pm and that our serving tables will not be taken down until 7:30 pm.**

Our first clean up crew will be our **Pastoral Council Members**. We also ask that our 50/50 and quilt drawings be held at 7:30 pm each evening.

Each week in our bulletin during fish fry season you will find the organizations responsible for hosting the next fish fry. Each organization is asked to check in with **Mike Ward** at 3:30 pm the day of the Fish Fry. Mike will instruct you about procedures such as serving and re-filling drinks, cleaning tables, etc. He will also be there to assist you as you get started.

We appreciate all you do and hope you will eat with your fellow parishioners, or take home your delicious dinner. **Although we cannot provide free meals for our hosting groups, we are still the best deal in town.** Adult meals will be just \$8.00, and children (6-12) will be just \$4.00. As always, children 5 and under eat free!

Again this year, we would like to remind all our organizations besides our Quilters and Youth Group that they do not have permission to sell or solicit in the name of our parish. The 50/50 raffle and the quilt raffle are meant only for us to remember the poor during this Lenten season.

**Our Parish Council asks everyone to please help us to keep our fish frys ones of hospitality and not of solicitation, nor do we wish any political fliers to be distributed.**

## Congratulations to the Three Members of our Parish Who Received The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree This Weekend

I am away this weekend with our Knights of Columbus to witness the Knighting of three of our Knights to the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Our congratulations to **John (Karen) Jones**, **Richard (Stephanie) Koppeis**, and **Dave (Cynthia) Werner**.

The ceremony took place yesterday at the Airport Marriott with a formal black tie dinner in the evening. As their chaplain, I was honored to attend and witness the Knighting of these individuals of our faith community who serve our parish in so many ways.

## Thanks to Our Trivia Night Committee for Another Outstanding Trivia Night Evening... All proceeds go to our School Marketing fund

Our sincere thanks go to our **Mary Smith**, our Marketing Director, who did an excellent job in organizing our Trivia Night. The proceeds from this evening go directly to our school's marketing fund. The evening brought in a profit of **\$5000.00**.

What a great evening we had for the 2011 Trivia Night. Thanks also to all that made donation for door prizes and general contributions of the evening!!

**Congratulations to:**  
**1st place - Caesar's Teachers Table**  
**2nd place - Weatherly Table**  
**3rd place - Mineral Area Regional**  
**Medical Center Table**  
**50/50 winner - Annette Willis**  
**Winner of 2012 trivia table - Luedecke Family**

## Spanish Mass Today at 3:00 with Fr. Tim Noelker

All are welcome to join our Hispanic community for our monthly Spanish mass today at 3:00 pm, followed by a pot luck gathering in the parish center.

## 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**



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### LENTEN OBSERVANCE – ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

The blessing of Ashes should take place within the celebration of the Mass or a scheduled service consisting of at least an appointed Scripture reading and a brief homily stressing the meaning of the ashes as a symbol of penance and self-denial.

In the case of genuine pastoral necessity, Archbishop Carlson has given permission for lay ministers (for example, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) to assist the priest and deacon in the distribution of the blessed ashes.

The Blessing of the Ashes is reserved to the priest or deacon, and priests and deacons should participate in the distribution of the ashes, whenever possible. They are the primary ministers of the ritual.

#### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all Christ said, “Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps” (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday** (March 9th, 2011) and **Good Friday** (April 22nd) are days of abstinence for all Catholics over the age of 14. On these two days, fast as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18 to 59. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

## Our Pastoral Team

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**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  
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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

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|-------|-------|--|
| Mon   | 03/07 | <b>School Board Meeting</b><br>6:00 pm • School  |
| Tues  | 03/08 | <b>Men's Evening of Lenten Reflection with Bishop Hermann</b><br>6:30 pm • Parish Center |
| Wed   | 03/09 | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>Masses at 7 am, 8 am, 7 pm                                       |
|       |       | <b>PSR</b><br>6:00 pm • Gym, the children will attend 7:00 Mass after class              |
|       |       | <b>NO Parish Rosary</b>  |
|       |       | <b>NO Bible Timeline</b>   |
| Thurs | 03/10 | <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b><br>7:30 am - 5:20 pm • Church                               |
|       |       | <b>Boy Scouts</b><br>6:00 pm • Cafeteria   |
|       |       | <b>Respect Life Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm • Parish Center                                   |
| Fri   | 03/11 | <b>All School Mass</b><br>8:05 am • Church   |
|       |       | <b>Stations of the Cross</b><br>2:15 and 7:00 pm • Church                                |
|       |       | <b>Lenten Fish Fry</b><br>4:00 - 7:00 pm • Gym   |
| Sun   | 03/13 | <b>RCIA - Rite of Sending</b><br>9:00 am mass • Church                                   |
|       |       | <b>K of C Parish Breakfast</b><br>after 7:30 & 9 masses • Cafeteria                      |
|       |       | <b>K of C Blood Drive</b><br>8:00 am - 12:30 noon • Gym                                  |



March 8th, 2002  
JW & Mary Flowers

March 8th, 1950  
Floyd & Charmaine McFarland



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of March 7th - 13th, 2011

### Monday: Weekday

Readings: Tb 1:3;2:1a-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12

7:00 am: Herman Niedert

### Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2,7-9 Mk 12:13-17

7:00 am: Francis Figge

### Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

Readings: J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17

2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

7:00 am: Rita Hoeft

8:00 am: Mildred Stumpf

7:00 pm: Joseph F. Smith

### Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25

7:00 am: Brown and Sherer Families

### Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a,18-19

Mt 9:14-15

7:00 am: Rose Aubuchon

8:05 am: Joe Maloney

### Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19 Mt 4:1-11

5:00 pm Judson Willis III

### Sunday:

7:30 am: Fred and Betty Phelps

9:00 am: Parishioners

10:30 am: Paul Raymer

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## Happy Birthday



March 6th

Gary Gunter  
Caiden Miller

March 7th

Anne Abt  
Robert Carrow  
Brent Medley  
Emma Petty

March 8th

Don Danielely  
Drew Fuemmeler  
Timothy Grimes  
Ken O'Neal

March 9th

George Boyd  
Angela Cowley  
James Gillespie

March 10th

Audrey Abt  
Byron Allen

March 10th cont.

Ted Cassimatis  
Lesley Martin  
Ollie Schumer

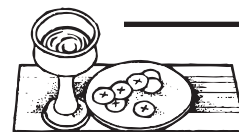
March 11th

Pat Boatright  
Betty Medley  
Peggy Ropelle

March 12th

Peggy Bone  
Greg Neumeier

## Ministers of the Liturgy



### Saturday, March 12th

#### 5:00 pm Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Deacon:** Deacon Al Gegg

**Lector:** Terry Guiley

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Walt and Debbie Douglas,

Rosetta Halter, Tom Karl

**Ushers:** Ralph Trepasso, Bill Baker,

Buddy Bordewick, Donald Boyd

**Servers:** A. Gillespie, A. Wright, K. Halter

### Sunday, March 13th

#### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Lector:** Jim Eaton

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Jack and Kathy Neiner, Missy Mitchell,

Steve Forsythe, Rose Hayden

**Ushers:** Ed Brown, Tom E. Donze,

Bob Govreau, Charles Govreau

**Servers:** M. Eaton, M. K. Eaton

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** Charlotte Vander Bol

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

George and Sandi Kracke, Rob Grindel,

Kevin Boatright, Doak Holloway

**Ushers:** John England, Bill Kure,

Jerry Morris, Dale Springs

**Servers:** D. Turner, J. Bone, I. Lamb

#### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** Phyllis LaPlant

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Katie Rhodes, Jim and Jill Robert,

Theresa AuBuchon, Helen Thurman

**Ushers:** Tom Lutsch, Logan Cannell,

Jim Robert, Travis Trolinger

**Servers:** N. Cassimatis, N. Juliette, E. Petty

## Monday, March 7th, 2011

### Sacristans

Theresa AuBuchon, Sue Brown,  
Barb Doss, Geneva Jokerst

### Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie Maloney,  
Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon

## Ash Wednesday - March 9th

Masses at 7:00 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm



There will be no Parish Rosary this Wednesday evening due to Ash Wednesday Mass.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers. . .

We pray for the repose of the soul of



### **Joe Smith**

husband of Rose

### **Mildred Stumpf**

sister of Deacon Al (Jeanie) Gegg

### **Rita Hoefl**

mother of Susan (Mike) Sweeney

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

## Respect Life Meeting

There will be a Respect Life meeting on **Thursday, March 10th, at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. We will be viewing a video on "40 Days for Life" and also addressing Easter cards for those parishioners confined to their homes or in nursing homes. All are welcome – please join us!



## Your Gifts to God and Parish

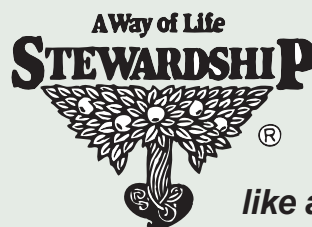
Sunday, February 27th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$7,699.50
Loose	\$216.49
Children's Envelopes	<u>\$3.02</u>
	<b>\$7,919.01</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$7,919.01	\$372,891.93
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$379,750.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$2,930.99)	<b>(\$6,858.07)</b>

Partners in Education	\$245.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$545.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$225.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1015.00

## Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



*"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."*  
**Matthew 7:24**

Our Lord gives us two distinct commands today. We must listen and we must act. We listen when we participate in Mass. We act when we participate in the ministry of the parish. We need to do both for a strong foundation. Participating more fully in the liturgy and life of the parish may require some changes on our part. We may have to move away from our current lifestyle so that we can move closer to God.

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

Please pray for: **Paul Gremminger, Edsel Wade, Tom Rigdon, Kathy Krechnyak, Jerry McDermott, Susan Rudroff, Jane Wurst, Sharon Gonzalez, Lisa Kissel, Karen Abney, Elizabeth Marinoble, Mary Beth Baker, Jean Bach, Mary Lou Lodholz, Norma Clauser, Jim Redmond, Richard Gram, Jessica Hedgecorth, Norma Roberts, Joe Stewart, Kathy Stewart, Mary Whalley, Cain Crocker, Mary Monte Provost, Helen Nierdigh, Janet Boatright, Nana Jean Thomure, Billy Doyle, Glen Allen, Margaret Greif, Freda Swetnam, Ruth Moorman, John Moorman, Howard Denton, Marilyn Trokey, Gerald Ellis, Mildred Bourisaw, Laura Leachman, Bob Medley, Doug Johnson.**

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

# St. Joseph Catholic Church in Farmington, MO Mission



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

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" John 7: 37-39  
Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory, but later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Spirit.

**Are you feeling thirsty? We invite you to come and be filled.**

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

**Tuesday, March 15th • 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

The Love of the Father presented by Lotar Neumann

**Tuesday, March 22nd • 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

The Kingdom of God presented by Fr. James Dyer

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

The Power of the Spirit presented by Mrs. Ramona Neumann

**Tuesday, April 5th • 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Release of the Spirit presented by Fr. Andy Lewandowski, OFM

**Tuesday, April 12th • 7:00 pm**

Mass of Healing Eucharist with Fr. James Dyer

Prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer.

**FREE baby sitting available!**

This mission seeks to provide solid teaching on our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please join us at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 10 North Long Street in Farmington, Missouri. For more information you may contact Phyllis LaPlant at 573-756-3261 or Dawn Fuemmeler at 573-756-9853.

# Host Parish Organizations Fish Fry Dates

*"Offering the best hospitality in St. Francois County"*



## March 11th

School Families, School Faculty, Quilters,  
St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Rosary Leaders,

**Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - Pastoral Council Members**

## March 18th

Knights of Columbus, 5:00 and 9:00 Choirs, Ushers, PSR Families

**Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - PSR Faculty**

## March 25th

Athletic Association, Pre-School Staff, Washington D.C. Pilgrims,

**Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts and Troop Leaders**

## April 1st

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

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



## April 8th

PSR Families, PSR Faculty, Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministry, 10:30 Choir

**Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - Our Father's Table Volunteers**

## April 15th

RCIA Team, New Candidates and Catechumens, Liturgy Committee,  
Knights of Columbus, Pastoral Council Members, All Parishioners invited to host!

**Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - Washington D.C. Pilgrims**

### **Ticket Collectors and Money Counters**

Ed and Sue Brown, Chairs, and our Money Counter teams

**Desserts each week provided by** Women of Mary

**Drink Table worked by** Confirmation Candidates

**Beer Booth operated by** Knights of Columbus

**50/50 Raffle Tickets by** Youth Groups to benefit Help the Hungry Bake Sale

*All parish organizations working on assigned dates are asked to report to the gym at 3:30 or 5:30 per their scheduled time and see Mike Ward for details.*

# St. Joseph's Lenten Fish Fries

## First Fish Fry - Friday, March 11th

*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

**All You  
Can Eat**

### Menu Includes

**Carry  
Out**

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

## FISH FRY

### Specialty items each week are:

March 11th - shrimp

March 18th - corn on the cob

March 25th - fried okra

April 1st - bean casserole

April 8th - onion rings

April 15th - shrimp

*Your hosts for this coming Friday evening will be the School Families, School Faculty, Quilters, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Rosary Leaders, and Clean up crew beginning at 7:30 pm - Pastoral Council Members.*

# Beginning Lent with Ash Wednesday



## Prayer for a Renewed Spirit

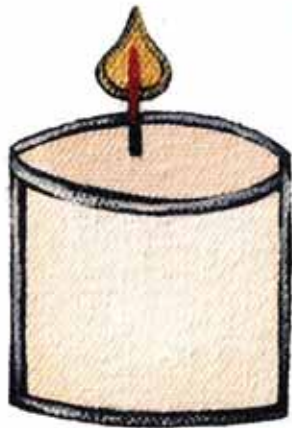
God of all compassion,  
 you who sent us your Son Jesus  
 when we were lost and broken,  
 turn to us again.  
 Give us strength and courage  
 to follow your call,  
 as did Jesus' first friends.  
 You who called Mary, Matthew, Andrew,  
 and Mary Magdalene,  
 call our names too.  
 Help us to hear your voice,  
 and to run toward Easter with joy.  
 Let us become our best selves,  
 fulfilling your purpose for us.  
 We ask this through our Lord  
 Jesus Christ your Son, who  
 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
 one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Wednesday, March 9, 2011

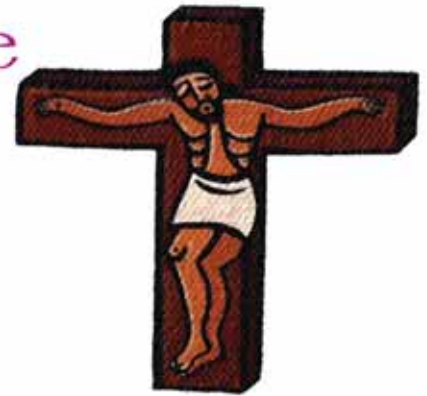
### Ashes and Joy

Today's Readings: Joel 2:12–18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18. It may seem like an odd combination: ashes, the symbol of penance for sin, and joy in the Resurrection that we celebrate during Easter. Why does the Church's long wisdom situate our journey toward Easter in a heap of ashes? The continuous cycles of renewal in God's creation offer a clue: the muckiest mulch produces the loveliest flowers. In a compost heap, dead leaves, rotten vegetable skins, and over-ripe fruit create a rich and fertile soil. Jesus drew on the natural world to teach spiritual truths—the mustard seed, the vine and the branches, the grain of wheat that must die—and the Church has always used natural elements as symbols: water, oil, beeswax, palm branches, bread, wine, ash.

Today's readings capture the spirit of penance and humility with which we need to begin our soul searching. Although the First Reading does not directly mention ashes, we associate its penitential tone with other scriptures that do. In the book of Esther, for example, the beautiful queen who had hidden her Jewish identity from the king suddenly must expose it to save her people. She prepares for this trial by setting aside her jewelry and covering her head with ashes and dirt (4:13), asking her people to join her. Their gesture expresses their complete humility before God, their desperate need for him, and their sorrow for their sins. Esther is ultimately victorious and the people receive new life—for us a preview of Easter joy!



## This Week at Home



### Monday, March 7 Feast before the Fast

*Mardi Gras* is French for “fat Tuesday.” Anticipating a season of fasting, this day has customarily been the last chance before Lent for rich foods. In some places, it’s also a time for jazz, masks, parades, and dance—a day to get high spirits out of our systems before a more sober season. Now we sing our last “Alleluias” until Easter. The beginning of Lent is also a time for house cleaning, both within and without. What clutter could you discard? What sins still burden you? What things or practices do you need to move toward? Today’s Readings: Tobit 1:3; 2:1a–8; Mark 12:1–12.

### Tuesday, March 8 Focusing on God’s Voice

Some Lenten practices of fasting originated among people who faced food shortages in the early spring. Now we have the opposite problem: many of us are overfed. We are overfed physically, and we are over-stimulated mentally, with so much visual and audio data flooding our senses that it’s hard to focus on anything for long—including God. Lent gives us an opportunity to lay down these burdens—of excess food and of mental distractions, leaving us freer to hear God’s voice. Today’s Readings: Tobit 2:9–14; Mark 12:13–17.

### Wednesday, March 9 Return to Me

Read the first few lines of today’s passage from Joel as if they were addressed to you personally, even filling in your name after the word *heart* in the phrase “return to me with all your heart.” Imagine someone who loves you deeply telling you these words. Tearing garments was once a sign of penitence. But the exterior demonstration is usually easier than the inner change of heart. What small, dark corners of your heart are still not given totally to God? Today’s Readings: Joel 2:12–18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.

### Thursday, March 10 In Training

Take a cue from people preparing for a marathon race. (Saint Paul used this comparison in 1 Corinthians 9:24.) They prepare with discipline, eating healthy foods, running a little further each day. Often, these aren’t athletes in superb shape, but ordinary people who gladly make the effort to become more fit. “It was worth every sacrifice,” they say at the end. Do we bring the same energy and dedication to growing closer to God? In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to take up our cross daily. There will be suffering. But let’s also imagine with joy how eagerly God anticipates our arrival in the circle of divine intimacy. Today’s Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Luke 9:22–25.

### Friday, March 11 Doing Justice

Isaiah gives us yet another lesson on fasting today. How does God prefer that we fast? By doing justice! What work of justice could you take up this Lent? Will you study an issue and learn how to advocate for a change in law or policy for an oppressed group? You might visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Department of Migration and Refugee Services Web site to look at their tools for advocacy work at <http://www.usccb.org/mrs/advocacytools.shtml>. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 58:1–9a; Matthew 9:14–15.

### Saturday, March 12 Choosing Lenten Practices

On Ash Wednesday, the very day we wear ashes, the Gospel gives us Jesus’ warning *not* to fast like hypocrites, whose gloomy appearance alerts others to their fasting (Matthew 6:16). In the secret depth of your heart, you may already know what luxuries to forego, what service to give, how to spend more time in prayer. There’s no need to boast about your Lenten practices. Simply do them to move closer to God and to answer Jesus’ call to repentance in today’s Gospel. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 58:9b–14; Luke 5:27–32.



# The Answer is Always “Jesus”

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Kings very often “dictated” how their subjects were to worship...When Pepin III (752–68) and Charlemagne (768-814) ruled they both mandated the use of the Roman liturgy throughout the Frankish Kingdom, This mandate required that the official liturgical music of Rome be utilized and chants for the various parts of the mass were to be sung by “musical specialists” with token contributions from the community. The Franks didn’t know Latin (language of the Roman liturgy) and so they couldn’t sing at Mass. The monks and clerics (musical specialists) dominated liturgical music.

As the voice of the laity fell silent, so did that of the priest. There soon developed instead a silent mode of priestly prayer and only the choir (monks and clerics) sang. During this period the priest was even silent during the canon of the Mass. It wasn’t long before a completely silent or private mass was in evidence. Often the priest would “say the mass” without a congregation...with no one present. By the ninth century there were “sung” Masses (High Mass) and “read” Masses (Low Mass).

During the Frankish period the Lectionary and the Sacramentary underwent an important development, evolving into a “full missal.” The development of the “private mass” prompted this move. Many ministers at mass required many books! One minister needed only one book....thus everything that the priest needed to pray the mass was fitted into one book....The Missal.

There were other significant changes during the ninth and tenth centuries. Until this time the bread used at Eucharist was ordinary table bread. After the ninth century unleavened bread became the standard and eventually was mandatory. The reason was complex but it basically boiled down to the perception that the laity was unworthy...unworthy people didn’t go to Communion...nor did they bring gifts of bread and wine as an offering. Needless to say the number of communicants dwindled significantly but happily the custom of the offertory procession did survive even though the gifts offered were not used at Mass. Another contributing factor was the widespread understanding of the Eucharist as “other worldly” and using ordinary table bread there was not deemed appropriate. Using unleavened bread, specially prepared as it was for Jewish Temple sacrifices, provided a biblical element. And, the use of unleavened bread gave truth to the concept that Eucharist was the reenactment of the life and death of Jesus who is remembered as having used unleavened bread at the last supper.

Unleavened bread was first made in the shape of thin disks... large, roundish and flat. As the number of private Masses increased and the number of communicants decreased the monks, who were charged with the production of Eucharistic bread, shrunk the size of the disks so that the Eucharist could now be received on the tongue rather than in the hands of the “unworthy” laity. Thus the evolution of ordinary table bread to diminutive “hosts” was complete and reception of Eucharist on the tongue became the norm. This last custom continued until Vatican II.

## Youth Group News

Greetings Fellowship! Austin and I are so excited to be coming upon this year's Lenten Season! Last week at Youth Group we helped out at "Our Father's Table" and had a discussion about Lent. It was great to see what some of the youth are doing this year to deepen their spiritual journey with Christ.

This week, there will be a joint Youth Group meeting with both Junior and Senior High. It will be from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Gymnasium! It is important that as many youth show up as possible because we will be putting the final touches on planning our Lock-in scheduled for sometime in April. Also, any youth wanting to participate in the Operation Overhaul Mission Trip need to attend to get the necessary information about registering.

## Hangin' with Jesus

The gospel seems to imply that there were people who could do miracles, drive out demons, and even prophesy, yet were not true followers of Christ. I used to think you could not do any of those things without Christ. But actions, no matter how impressive, do not make you a true disciple. Jesus says to them, "I never knew you." Why? Because they never knew him.

Have you ever known someone who never calls or visits his parents? He might even brag about all the gifts he sends them. He can't really say he knows his parents. And they probably feel they don't know him either. So people who have no relationship with Jesus are like that. They may never break any commandments; they may even go to church every Sunday. But just being in church is not the same as being with the Lord.

That's what Paul is talking about in the second reading. Being justified by faith means much more than just believing in the existence of God. The faith Paul preaches is not just an intellectual decision. It is a relationship with God. When you are in a true relationship you take time to be with the other person, you listen to that person as well as talk to them. You are honest with them, even about your own faults or weaknesses.

That kind of connection to God is what Jesus offers. That kind of faith allows us to see God in others, leading us to love and respect them. If you like hanging with friends, you will love hanging with Jesus. That is the blessing offered in the first reading. Even Moses knew there was more to being God's chosen people than just following some laws. As he told the Hebrews to take his words into their hearts and souls, (Dt 11:18) we must remember that God lives in us so that we can live in Him.

We will enter the season of Lent in just a few days. Hopefully, this Lent will remind us that hanging with Jesus can also mean hanging on the cross with Him. Do you love Jesus enough to do that? Do you love the poor enough to help them carry their crosses? Do you spend more time in Lent bragging about what you gave up, or complaining about how difficult it is? Why not spend more time with the Lord in prayer, so we can die to our sins and rise to a new life of love.

(from "The Word in our Lives")