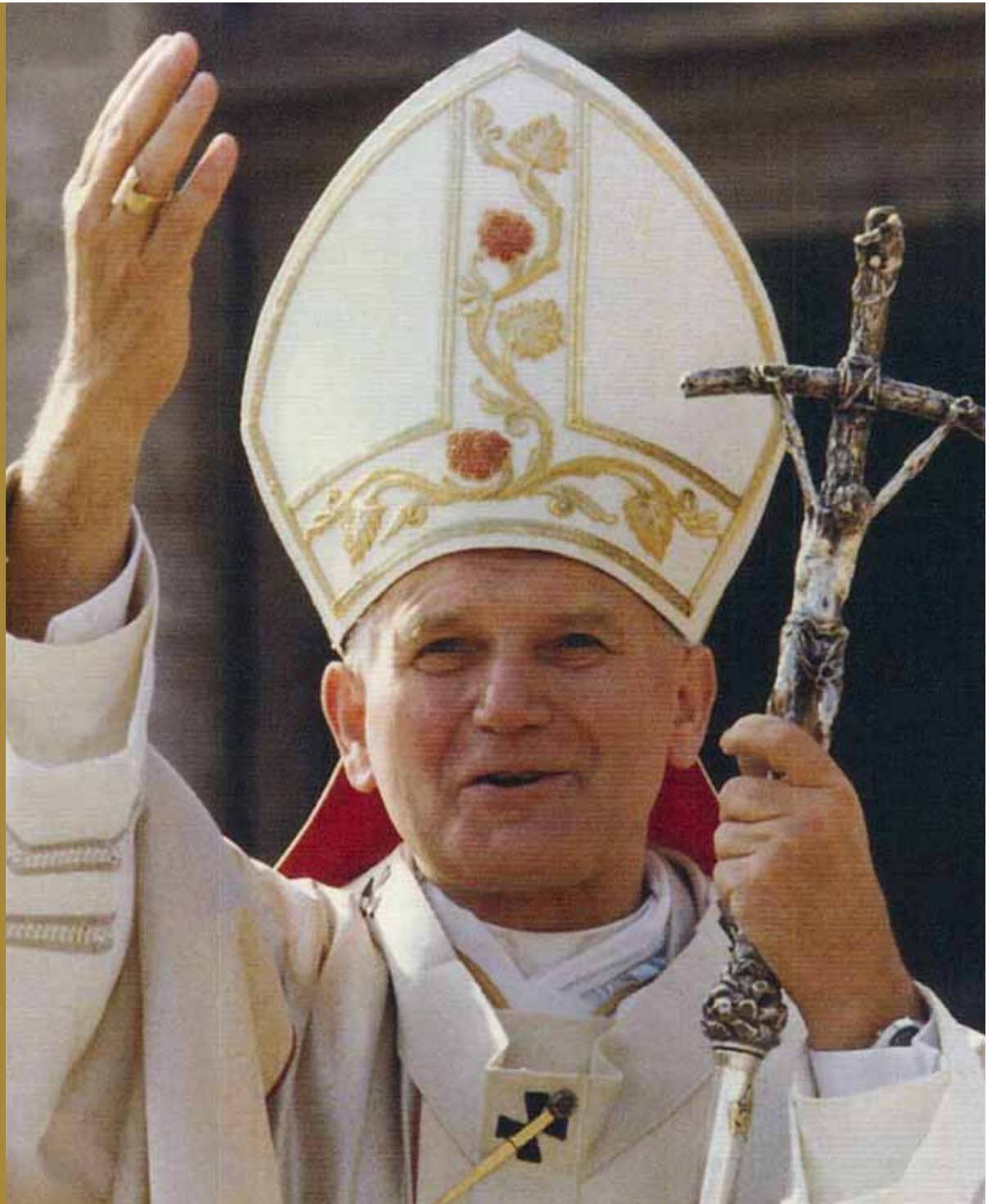


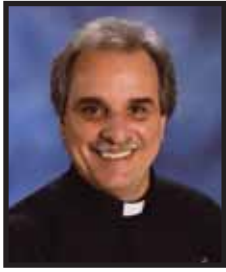
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Farmington, Missouri



Blessed Pope John Paul II
Beatified Today • May 1st, 2011 • Divine Mercy Sunday

O Blessed Trinity, We thank you for having graced the Church with Pope John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your Fatherly care, the glory of the cross of Christ, and the splendor of the Holy Spirit, to shine through John Paul II. Trusting fully in Your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he gave to us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with you. Grant us, by his intercession, and according to Your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among your saints. Amen.



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

An Easter Prayer

Loving God,
you give us new life
through the death and resurrection
of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to bring this Good News
to people everywhere
and to be faithful witnesses
of your love in all that we do.

Through the grace of Easter
grant hope to the suffering,
healing to the broken,
and peace where there is conflict.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Mercy Sunday

Keeping the Eucharist the center of our lives...

I would like to share with you a very powerful reflection of the Eucharist by the late **Father Kilian McGowan, C.P.** I use it with permission this Mercy Sunday from the Passionist Priests to help us spiritually understand the awesome message of Easter that awaits us each Sunday in the Eucharist we celebrate!!!

"In the quest for Christian Perfection, there is one means that is the most effective in achieving this goal. This is the Eucharist whose special grace is union with Christ through love.

*Let us immediately say that the Blessed Sacrament does far more than merely symbolize this union of the soul with Christ - it actually effects it! Our Blessed Lord wasn't playing with words when He promised: "**He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in me and I in him.**" (John 6:57).*

This is an amazing and almost unbelievable reality - the Eucharist truly effects a union with a physical union between our bodies and the Sacred Host; it is a union of our souls with the Divinity of Christ - and thus with the Godhead itself.

The special grace of this Eucharistic Food then is one that unites and gradually transforms us into Christ. An

entire volume could be written on its wondrous effects, but this is the one that summarizes all others.

Theologians tell us that the whole Sacramental System is ordered to the Eucharist as to its consummation and end. This is another way of saying that all the sacraments have as their ultimate purpose union with Christ in charity. And isn't this the very goal of our Christian lives?

The conclusion that flows from this truth is obvious. The Holy Eucharist should be at the very center of our lives, because it contains Christ and the whole power of His Passion. Also we should dispose ourselves as perfectly as possible for this wondrous gift.

In the Eucharist, our Lord comes to you in perfect self-surrender. As your Creator He comes to recreate you. As your Savior He comes to save you. As your Divine Lover He comes to put His Power, mercy and love at your disposal. He ardently desires to be our life - your way - your other self!

You should approach Him in the same way - with perfect self-surrender. Your faith should tell you what this sacrament contains. Your confidence in the power of this sacrament should be absolutely unlimited. Your humility should expose your spiritual need. Your love should beg Him to take over yourself and your life.

At the moment of Communion, the Heavenly Father sends His Son on a special mission to your soul. It's a time to converse at leisure with your God. A time when He is lavish with His graces. Poor use of this time will cause the loss of many special graces.

As you approach Holy Communion, remember that you are about to receive far more than you have the power to give. Just as one Holy Mass can make perfect reparation for what your sins have done to God, so also one fervent Communion can repair the damage that your sins have done to yourself!

In fact it can do much more...many of the saints tell us that a single Communion could make a saint!

Join Us for Coffee and Doughnuts TODAY in the Parish Center

Come join us today after all of the masses for Coffee and Doughnuts in our parish Center! Our **School Board** and **RCIA** will be your hosts for the morning! A great way to meet new people and experience great fellowship with other parishioners! Please join us!!!

Holy Land Art is Here TODAY

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These items will be set up for viewing and purchase after all Masses THIS weekend, April 30th and May 1st.

Our Teachers will be Speaking to Us TODAY about our ACA

Today we will kick off our annual Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal (better known as ACA). Last year in 2010 our parish received \$25,000 for parish school assistance, \$600 for continuing religious education for our teachers, and \$700 for Catholic families tuition assistance from ACA funds.

It is a joy to announce that this year our Appeal speakers will be our own teachers helping us understand just how important the ACA support is to our school each year. The following teachers will speak today after the masses.

7:30 am - Ree Rogers and Pam Pfaff

5:00 pm - Stephanie Koppeis and Stephanie Rayoum

9:00 am - Sue Seufert and Linda Ferguson

10:30 am - Annette Willis and Jane Ramos

Bishop Rice will be here Special Celebration

This Thursday morning, **May 5th**, at 8:05 am we will celebrate an all school mass with our guest celebrant being **Bishop Ed Rice**. My thanks to our Women of Mary who will host a breakfast for our **student council officers** with Bishop Rice after the mass. Following the breakfast Bishop Rice will gather with our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys for a vocation talk.

St. Joseph Bake Sale Was a Wonderful Success!!!

Our St. Joseph Bake Sale sponsored by the **Women of Mary** was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who baked and all who purchased those delicious items. They raised **\$1,617.26** from the Bake Sale!

Meeting for Those Going on the Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

For those registered to go Washington D.C for the 2012 Annual March for Life Pilgrimage we will have a meeting on **Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center to plan our two fundraising activities. **We have a completely filled bus with 57 parishioners registered for the trip!**

Our Lenten Fish Fry Update. . .

We served 5,149 meals!!!

What an awesome experience!!!

What a great experience it has been for our parish in hosting the tradition of our Lenten Fish Fries! Each week God has provided us with an outstanding opportunity for evangelization and community building!!! It has certainly been a joy each Friday to witness the Spirit working through so many as we welcome our neighbors and give of our time and talents for the good of our parish community.

Our 50/50 Raffle Netted \$1,279 for the Help the Hungry Bake Sale

Our thanks to all who purchased 50/50 raffle tickets each week at our fish fries as we remembered the corporal works of mercy of feeding the poor. It is a joy to announce that **\$1,279** was raised for the annual Help the Hungry Bake Sale this fall.

Thank You for Supporting Our Quilters!!! They raised \$1,019!!

Thank you St. Joseph's for faithfully supporting our quilters by purchasing raffle tickets for the beautiful homemade quilt given away at our last Fish Fry! This year the quilters chose to donate the proceeds to the **Help the Hungry Bake Sale**. A total of **\$1,019** was raised! Congratulations to **Pat Boatright** who won this year's Fish Fry quilt.

A Beautiful Gift of Love Will Hang in Our Parish Center

Our sincere thanks to **Esther Miller** for a beautiful handmade lace Last Supper image that she lovingly made several years ago and has donated to the parish. This beautiful gift will be dedicated this week at the **Women of Mary gathering on Thursday, May 5th** at 6:30 pm in the parish center. Our sincere thanks to **Ed Brown** who made the beautiful frame to house this impressive piece of art.

Special Mother's Day Cards

Would you like to honor your mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, or friend in a special way this Mother's Day? Our **Respect Life Committee**, along with the **Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center**, is sponsoring unique Mother's Day cards for you to send to someone special in your life and at the same time make a donation in her honor to the Parkland PRC. The cards are located in back of church, along with a letter of explanation and an envelope for sending your donation. Thank you for your support!

Our Prayers are with our First Communicants. . .

Our prayers are with our Second Graders who received their First Holy Communion yesterday, Saturday, April 30th at 11:00 am. Our sincere gratitude goes to **Mrs. Stephanie Rayoum**, **Mrs. Michelle England**, **Mrs. Barb Halter** and **Mrs. Jane Ramos** who helped prepare our First Communicants for their special day.

Spring Cleaning for the Parish!!! We need your help...

We are asking for everyone's help next **Saturday, May 7th** to gather and give our grounds and facilities a good cleaning. The more people we have the quicker the process will go. Our Knights of Columbus will be providing lunch for all volunteers. **Rob Grindel** has graciously offered to coordinate the days events. **We look forward to seeing you bright and early on May 7th.**

PSR Registration for 2011-2012 School Year Due Next Week

Registration for the upcoming 2011-2012 PSR school year is due by **Monday, May 9th**. If you are enrolling a child for the first time and your child was not baptized at St. Joseph's, a copy of their Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration. The fee for the classes, which helps to cover the cost of the textbooks and a small stipend for the catechists, is as follows: 1 child: \$75.00, 2 children: \$125.00, 3 or more children: \$150.00. If enrollment does not take place before May 9th the fee will increase by \$10.00. If you have any questions please contact **Lisa Cartee** at the parish office at 756-4250.

Parish Leadership Positions...

**Is God calling you to serve on
our Parish Council, or School Board?**

It is that time of the year when new positions will open up for some leadership positions in our parish. Our Parish Council will have three openings this spring and our School Board will have one opening.

I hope that you will take some time to prayerfully reflect if God is calling you to serve our parish in one of these leadership roles. **We need individuals who want to serve...those who hold a vision for the future.** These key roles are for people of prayer and for individuals who are willing to become considerably involved in the parish, in its life and activities.

These positions require a greater commitment in time and energy than just attending monthly meetings. **Is God calling you to serve your parish?** Please give it some prayerful discernment!

Have You Purchased Your "Keep Our Stars Shining Bright" Raffle Ticket, Yet?

This past **Wednesday, April 27th**, the early bird drawing for **\$1,500** was held. The winner was **Barbara Schwent!** Congratulations to **Valaria Schwent**, Barbara's granddaughter, who sold her the winning ticket.

Respecting the Dignity of Being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

As warm weather approaches I ask all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to be mindful of the dignity of their ministry. I have been asked by several of our parishioners to mention this. All Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors should be appropriately dressed for the dignity of their ministry. Please no blue jeans, t-shirts, shorts, or tennis shoes. If you feel you are not appropriately dressed please do not come forward.

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"!!!

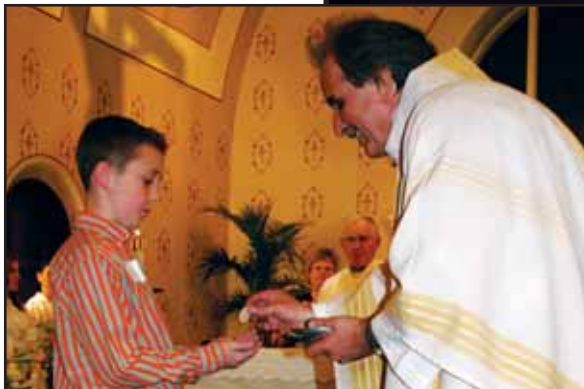
Blessings of Easter Peace...**Fr. Rickey**



Easter Vigil 2011



Welcome into our faith
19 of God's Children



Our Pastoral Team

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Shirley Bieser Pastoral Council

Chuck Hayden Financial Commission

Ed Brown Cemetery Association

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Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
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St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be His church and live His gospel. We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling by prayer, worship, teaching and in sharing our faith and serving others. Guided by the Holy Spirit and through our patron St. Joseph, we commit ourselves to the responsible stewardship of all God's gifts.

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday 7:00 am
Friday (All School Mass Aug-May) 8:05 am
Sunday Observance
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am
Holy Days of Obligation 7 am, 8 am, and 7 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 pm, Sundays 7 am, or by appointment

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass

The Sacrament of Marriage

Celebrated after meeting the bride and groom and beginning preparation six months before the wedding, in accordance with Archdiocesan Wedding Policy.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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



Happy Birthday



May 1st

**Addie AuBuchon
Linda Hammer
Donald McDaniel
Chelsea Williams**

May 3rd

Liz Anderson

May 4th

**Donna Conklin
Logan Klima**

May 2nd

**Alyssa Koppeis
Bob Oder
Kaiden Shelton
Rita Stam
Matthew
Weidenbenner**

May 5th

**Leslie Burcham
Mallory Huck
Joan Kure
Diane Slinkard
Charlotte Thatcher**

May 6th

**Debra Lyons-Jahn
Ed Thebeau**

May 7th

**Greg Bonnell
Kelly Peterson**

May 8th

**Mike Boyd
Mary Franklin
Karen Hommelson**



Happy Anniversary



May 1st, 2004

Keith & Nicole Schweigert

May 3rd, 1969

Jr. & Mary Lou Brady

May 2nd, 1992

John & Judy Colligan

May 5th, 1989

Joe & Kelly Barnhouse

May 5th, 2010

Doug & Lisa Cartee



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of May 2nd - 8th, 2011

Monday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8
7:00 am: **Charles Pratte**

Tuesday: St. Philip and St. James

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
7:00 am: **Joe & Mary Shields**

Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
7:00 am: **Rebecca Lynn Morris**

Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36
7:00 am: **Frank & Rosemary Knittig**
8:05 am: **Francis Figge**

Friday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15
7:00 am: **Andrew & Rose Aubuchon**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35
5:00 pm **Parishioners**

Sunday:

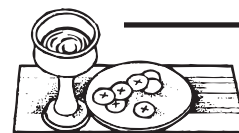
7:30 am: **Velda Schnurbusch**
9:00 am: **Mary B. Herold**
10:30 am: **Al Dziewa**

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

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

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

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, May 7th

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg

Lector: Rick Conklin

Extraordinary Ministers:

Rosetta Halter, Walt Douglas,
Debbie Douglas

Ushers: Dennis Rogers, Ralph Trepasso,
Buddy Bordewick, Donald Boyd

Servers: Mi. Harris, K. Ramos, Ma. Harris

Sunday, May 8th

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: Vicky Damba

Extraordinary Ministers:

Chuck & Rose Hayden, Jim Eaton,
Jack & Kathy Neiner

Ushers: Charles Govreau, Dale Jones,
Jack Neiner, Chester Ott

Servers: M. Eaton, M. K. Eaton

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Vanessa Trokey

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sandi Kracke, Kevin Boatright, Rob
Grindel, Doak Holloway, Adam Barnhouse

Ushers: Mike Turner, Mike Ward,
Dan Combs, John England

Servers: D. Kelso, I. Lamb, K. Baechle

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Bill Sippo

Extraordinary Ministers:

John & Helen Thurman, Isa Sippo,
Jim & Jill Robert

Ushers: Jim Robert, John Bieser,
Mark Bieser, Bob Bone

Servers: C. Vargo, JC Odle, J. Mattingly

Monday, May 2nd, 2011

Sacristans

Theresa AuBuchon, Sue Brown,
Barb Doss, Geneva Jokerst

Money Counters

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

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, April 17th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$8,225.66
Loose	\$418.10
Children's Envelopes	\$1.30
First Offering	<u>\$5.00</u>
	\$8,650.06

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$8,650.06	\$448,694.28
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$455,700.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$2,199.94)	(\$7,005.72)

Partners in Education	\$220.00
Catholic Relief	\$10.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$130.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$433.00
Regina Cleri	\$10.00
Holy Land	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$833.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!

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



Our rosary leaders will be:
Phyllis Trolinger, Joyce Wozniak, Jane Allen, Ginger Baechle, Sandy Brooks

The Mysteries this week are: **Glorious**

Our petition for this week will be:

"As we reflect on the glorious resurrection of our Lord, let us pray for grace to be "Just Like Jesus"."

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, April 24th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$13,882.65
Loose	\$606.31
Children's Envelopes	<u>\$3.00</u>
	\$14,491.96

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$14,491.96	\$463,186.24
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$466,655.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$3,641.96	(\$3,468.76)

Partners in Education	\$70.00
Catholic Relief	\$20.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$620.00
Regina Cleri	\$649.00
Holy Land	<u>\$581.33</u>
Total for Specials	\$2,015.33

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
John 20:21

Jesus offers us peace, not when we sit quietly in a pew, but when we allow Our Lord to send us out into the world to do His work. We will find great peace, when we to turn away from the materialism of the world and instead care more deeply for those in need.

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

Please pray for: Brian King, Larry Turley, Mary Beth Rowe, Sue Bauche, Nino Pusateri, Janice Ratliff, **Joyce Wozniak**, Jen Harrison, Charlie Wofford, David Calbreath, Charlie Chastain, Rhonda LaPierre, Kathy Krechnyak, Collette Fenwick, Judy Douglas, Norman Claytor, Andrew Thurmond, Ronnie Jones, **Paul Gremminger**, **Edsel Wade**, **Tom Rigdon**, **Jerry McDermott**, **Mary Beth Baker**, **Gerald Ellis**, Jeanette Wallach, **Mary Lou Lodholz**, Sam Pusateri, Tom Simmons, **Joe Hoffmeister**, Noel Vander Bol, Walker Johns, Susan Nekula, Kathryn Lorenz, Tracy Beussink, Karen Wahoff, Tom Bates, Mildred Olmsted, Breana Brakefield, Bill Visnovske, **Margaret Greif**, **Bob Medley**, Beth (Schnurbusch) Nielsen.

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

This Week in Our Parish

Tues	05/03	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm • Cafeteria Washington DC Pilgrims BBQ planning meeting 7:00 pm • Parish Center
Wed	05/04	PSR Classes 6:00 pm • School Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm • Parish Center Parish Rosary 7:15 pm • Church
Thurs	05/05	All School Mass with Bishop Rice 8:00 am • Church Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am - 5:20 pm • Church Boy Scout Meeting 6:00 pm • Cafeteria Women of Mary Pot Luck Meeting 6:30 pm • Parish Center
Fri	05/06	NO All School Mass First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 am - 2:30 pm • Church
Sat	05/07	Parish Clean Up Day 8:00 am • front of church

In Our Thoughts and Prayers. . .

We pray for the
repose of the soul of

Elizabeth Boyd Mackson

sister of Georgiana (Jean) Vander Bol
and Lou (Betty) Krapf

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



Our Easter flowers are in loving memory of those now resting in the light and joy of the Resurrection. . .

in memory of the deceased
members of the Fritz Prokopf Family
from Mary Helen

in memory of Richard & Mabel Streich,
Edward & Lucy Lober
from Norman & Rosemary Lober



A Very Special Women of Mary Meeting

Please join the Women of Mary at a special pot luck evening meeting on

Thursday, May 5th

at 6:30 pm in the

parish center. Please

bring an hors d'œuvre

to share in celebration

of Cinco de Mayo. The

evening will include the

dedication of **Esther Miller's** beautiful hand

crocheted Last Supper as well as a

presentation by Sr. Barbara. (There will be no

meeting on Wednesday, May 4th.)



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Last Call!!!
A few spots are still available

Yesterday's Kids Trip to Historic Ste. Genevieve

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

Wednesday, May 11th, 2011

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

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

I'll tell you stories
about the sisters we
had at Valley High
School.



Come and see
my family's spot
at the local pub.

I can't wait to tell
you stories about
my Uncle Wally.

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

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

Yesterday's Kids Trip to Ste. Genevieve

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____



The History of First Communion Day

Yesterday twenty of our children received First Holy Communion. We lovingly support all of their parents on this special milestone on their Christian journey. The Easter season is the time of the year when many second-graders receive their "First Communion", but it was not always so.

Did you know that up until about the 13th century, children were admitted to Communion from infancy. At baptism, infants were confirmed, and then given Eucharist - usually a small amount of the consecrated wine. (The Eastern Rites have continued this practice down to the present day.)

Over the centuries, as disputes arose over the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, there developed a trend toward requiring that children not receive the Eucharist until they had some instruction in the real presence.

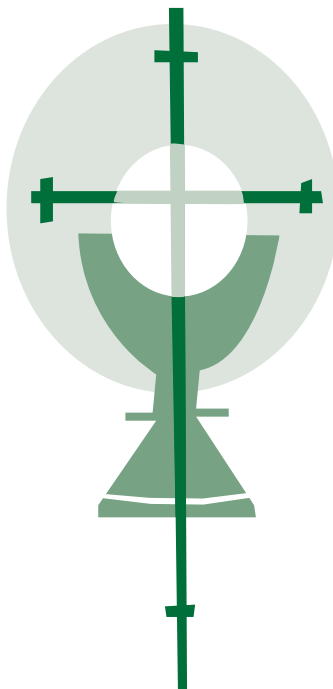
In 1215, because Catholics by then received the Eucharist very infrequently, the Lateran Council decreed that all persons who had reached "the age of discretion" receive the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist at least once a year. (This came to be known as "the Easter duty.")

When applied to children, this means that First Communion was not delayed until they reached the age when they could have an understanding not only of the Eucharist, but of sin and forgiveness. This delayed First Communion until the age of 10, 12 or even 14.

Seven centuries later, in 1910 (less than 100 years ago), Pope Pius X decreed that children should be admitted to First Communion as soon as they could distinguish between the Bread of the Eucharist and ordinary bread. Thus, First Communion was given at about the age of seven.

Thank you to the teachers, **Mrs. Stephanie Rayoum, Mrs. Michelle England, Mrs. Barb Halter** and **Mrs. Jane Ramos** for the preparation they gave to our First Communicants. We congratulate our second graders who received their First Communion yesterday, April 30th at 11:00 am.

Bridget Bone
Paul Borrego
Mary Kate Burcham
Lucas Colligan
Trey Crawford
Kyle Genenbacher
Mary Hafner
Bianca Haffner
Paige King
Julia Leible



Kylie Melton
Robert James Monroe
Raymond Morrow
Miah Nolasco
Lauren Obenauer
Brennden Pfaff
Audrey Roney
Zachary Seaton
Breckyn Shelton
Damion Stevenson

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



Saturday, May 7th
Spring Cleaning of Parish

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



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

Sunday, May 15th
High School Graduates
Mass and Brunch



Wednesday, May 18th
PSR Picnic at Engler Park

Tuesday, May 22nd
Eighth Grade Graduation



Wednesday, June 15th
Yesterday's Kids Annual
Church Tour

Sunday, June 26th
Annual Parish Picnic



Youth Group News

Greetings Parish! This has been a great year for Austin and I. We can truly say that we have felt blessed by our opportunity to be the Youth Ministers at St. Joseph. As we prepare to leave for college, **Jessica Arnold** will take over and begin leading the Junior High and **Abe and Jami AuBuchon** will begin leading the Senior High Youth Group here at the parish.

Austin and I would like to thank Father Rickey and Father Jim for all their support and faith in the Youth this past year!

PSR PARENTS

If you have a daughter that will be in 5th through 8th grade next year and she would like to play volleyball next year please call Kim at 760-0104 or email at khh123@hughes.net. Thank you.



PARENTS PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE!

The St. Joseph's Athletic Association will be hosting their Annual Banquet on **Friday, May 13th** to recognize all the **2010/2011 School and PSR athletes**. We will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm,



followed by the award presentations and announcements for next year's sports programs. Each family is asked to bring a dessert. We hope to see you there!

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

Golda (Anton) Aseniero

Stephanie (Paul) Boshoff

Lisa (Doug) Cartee

Lauren (Nathan) Stein

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

Mark Your Calendars for the 10th Annual Craig Schnurbusch Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament



May 27th, 2011
Crown Pointe Golf Club



4 Person Scramble • 12:00 noon start time

\$300 team entry that includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, a very nice dinner at the end of the day, and attendance prizes! Table and hole sponsorships also available.

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



2011 Lenten Fish Fry Totals



Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our parish community, we have made a total profit of \$18,116.67!!!!

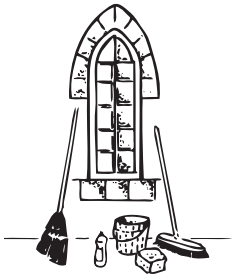
<u>Fish Fry</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Net Profit</u>	<u>50/50 winner</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>
1	3/11	800	\$2,786.35	Dave Rogers	\$188.00
2	3/18	891	\$3,788.05	Lee Schwent, Sr.	\$214.50
3	3/25	802	\$2,846.06	Andy Hamill	\$174.00
4	4/1	962	\$3,202.58	Paul Fortman	\$217.55
5	4/8	792	\$2,464.72	Alex Goldensoph	\$127.00
6	4/15	<u>902</u>	<u>\$3,028.91</u>	Gabe Lindsey	<u>\$224.00</u>
		5,149	\$18,116.67		\$1,145.05

Throughout our Lenten journey, we remembered our corporal works of mercy for the poor by sponsoring a 50/50 drawing at each of our Lenten Fish Fries. A total of **\$1,279.55** (includes some extra money given back by the winners) will go towards the Help the Hungry Bake Sale this fall.

The quilt raffle winner this year was **Pat Boatright**.

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talent, hard work, commitment, hospitality and dedication to our parishioners and guests. God truly rewarded the work of our hands. Our parish has been recognized for its hospitality throughout the Farmington community through our Fish Fries.

Very Special Thanks To: Dolores Eddleman and family, Mike Ward, Knights of Columbus, and Women of Mary.



All Parishioners. . . We Need YOU!!! for an ole' fashioned Spring Cleaning!



Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 am

We need your help to give our beautiful grounds a good spring sprucing up! We are very proud of our facilities and grounds and want to keep them maintained. The more help we have the quicker it will get done! It is our plan to clean the entire grounds as well as cleaning the church stained glass windows.

What a better way to show reverence for the gifts that God has granted our parish than by spending a morning of stewardship with fellow parishioners!!!

**Please plan to gather in front of church on Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 am.
Lunch will be provided for all workers by the Knights of Columbus.**

Call **Rob Grindel** at 314-795-0175 if you have any questions.

"A great way to respond to the call of your Baptism"

The Answer is Always “Jesus”

Sr. Barbara Wentworth, DHM • Parish Religion Coordinator



We started this series of bulletin articles with a commentary on transition...change....and what happened in 1963 in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council. Granted only about half of us were around during that exciting time...and it was an exciting time. Even though the substantial structure of the 400 year-old Mass remained unchanged it looked different and sounded different. Latin was out! The vernacular was in! The Communion rail disappeared. We began to receive Eucharist in the hand! The Mass was no longer the priest's prayer but a joining of the Priest/Presider and the laity/assembly, both and together, worshiping and giving praise to Jesus the Christ in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

But the changes didn't just happen during the 4 or 5 years during which the Council sat!

At least one hundred years before Vatican II was convened the stirrings of liturgical change began. The monks of Solesmes Abbey in France with their abbot, Dom Prosper initiated a renewal of the beautiful Gregorian Chant and began to study the historical development of the liturgy. The result was a well written and readable set of instructions on the text of the liturgy for Advent, Lent and the Easter season as well as Ordinary Time. At the same time in Germany parallel studies were being conducted by the Benedictine abbeys of Maria-Laach and Beuron. In 1901 an international conference on the Liturgy was held in Belgium. This was the official inauguration of the liturgical renewal movement that culminated in 1963 with the writing and implementation of the **Constitution on the Liturgy** adopted by 2,147 out of the 2,151 delegates attending the Second Vatican Council.

In spite of two world wars and the Great Depression the energy to reshape the liturgy continued enthusiastically. Across Europe studies were undertaken, scholarly papers were written and many prayers were prayed. An American Benedictine monk, Dom Virgil Michel of St. John's Abby in Collegeville, Minnesota became a national leader of the liturgical movement and pulled all of the studies and other academic works together in a series of articles that he wrote for the abbey magazine, *Orate Fratres* (later re-named *Worship*). In these articles Dom Virgil showed the laity how to incorporate their Catholic faith into politics, economics and the needs of the poor. Monsignor Martin Hellriegel of our own Archdiocese found significant ways of applying the new liturgical thinking to the celebration of Mass and the liturgy in general. He had a “folksy” German style that was energizing and engaging ...this coupled with a flair for the dramatic, endeared him to the local church here in St. Louis and also to the Church-at-large in other parts of the world. His favorite thing was to “process” (He loved processions!) to a particular Church each day of Lent. He wanted to show how the history of that church, the saint that it was named after, and the Mass texts of the day, formed an obvious unity and essential guide for our journey of faith.

God provided us with other giants to lead this liturgical renewal in the form of faith-filled priests. Msgr. Hillenbrand (Chicago), the Jesuit, Joseph Jungmann, (wrote *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, with wonderful footnotes), and Fr. Romano Guardini (an Italian who wrote *The Spirit of the Liturgy* and who incidentally was a guide of the young Fr. Ratzinger, the present Benedict XVI).

In 1947, Pius XII's encyclical **In Mediator Dei** reminded the world that the primary source of the Christian life comes from active participation in the liturgy of the Church. This encyclical was partially a survey of the evolution of the liturgy from the Council of Trent up to 1940+ and partly a dissertation on the need for the proper interior spirit at Mass, the Real Presence, and the fact that the Eucharist was the source and summit of our life in Christ.

The liturgical changes, as we have said, which occurred after Vatican II were considerable....gone were the prayers at the foot of the altar, the silent reading of the Canon and the moving of the Sacramentary from the left side of the altar to the right by the altar boy. Father no longer wore the biretta and we no longer bowed our heads at the name of Jesus. Every hymn that was sung now had a particular relationship to the liturgy of the day, and the so called *low* and *high* Mass disappeared. Some Catholic churches unfortunately went to the extreme, some think they tossed the baby out with the bath water. Statues of the saints, vigil lights and the sound of the bells during the consecration disappeared. Stained glass windows and realistic representations of the passion in the Stations of the Cross were considered passé. So many changes....it seemed at the time almost too much to take in!

But God has ways of writing straight with crooked lines!!!



Schwan's Truckload Sale

Pick Up Your Order Form TODAY

This is the weekend to pick up your order form and flyer for our Schwan's Truckload Sale. Browse through the flyer and find some delicious food just waiting to be put on your dinner table! Orders may be placed on-line at www.schwansfundraising.com.

Just click on "Place an Order On-line". Fill out the form with the information requested.

Our campaign ID is 32851. Orders may also be dropped in the collection basket by May 8th, and products will be available for pickup on May 15th, from 8:00 am to 12 noon. There will be additional products on the truck that you may purchase, but to guarantee you receive the items you want, you need to pre-order. Funds raised will be used to help pay for the Respect Life Committee's billboard on Highway 67. If you have any questions, please call **Dotty Bach at 756-1357** or **Pat Boatright at 756-4169**. Thank you for your support!

