

May 15th, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Living the Gospel Message Since 1890

Bar-B-Que Fundraiser Today

to benefit our 2012 pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

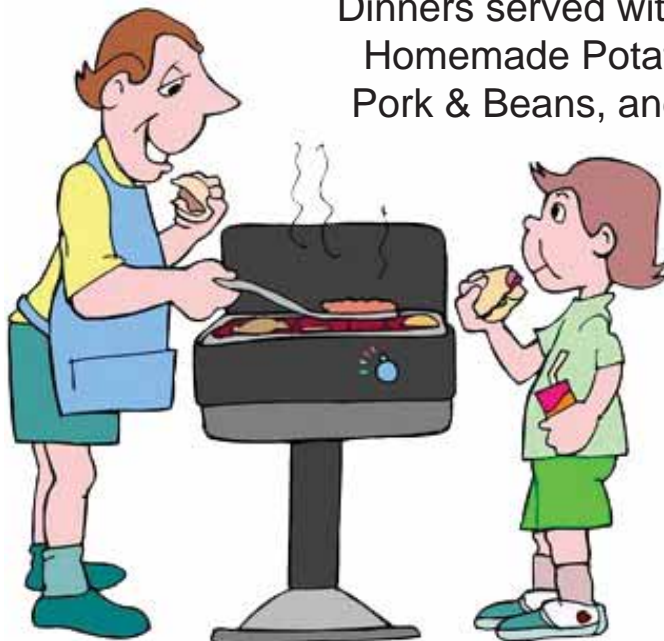
Saturday, May 14th **Sunday, May 15th**
from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm from 7:30 am - Noon

Located in the Lober Parking Lot

Pork Steak Dinner \$6.00
Brat Dinner \$5.00 • Hot Dog Dinner \$4.00

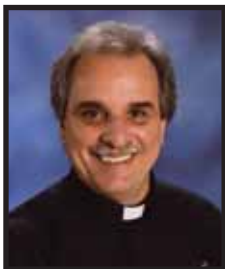
Pork Steak Sandwich \$4.00
Brat Sandwich \$2.00 • Hot Dog \$1.00

Dinners served with sides of:
Homemade Potato Salad,
Pork & Beans, and Dessert



All meals are to go...

We will have some tables set up
for those wishing to eat on site.
Complimentary lemonade
and tea will be available.



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Take Home Some Bar-b-que Today!!!

Those attending the pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the 39th annual March for Life at our Nation's Capitol this January will be hosting a bar-b-que fundraiser to help with the cost of the trip. **After all of the masses today you will be able to purchase a take home bar-b-que pork steak, brat, or hot dog dinner which includes sides of potato salad, pork & beans and slaw.** Bar-b-que will be available on Saturday from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, and on Sunday from 7:30 am to noon.

Prices: Pork steak dinner **\$6.00**, brat dinner **\$5.00**, hot dog dinner **\$4.00** which includes all three sides. Pork steak sandwich **\$4.00**, brat sandwich **\$2.00**, hot dog **\$1.00**. All meals are to go... We will have some tables set up for those wishing to eat on site. Complimentary lemonade and tea will be available for those eating on site.

At this time we have a completely filled bus of **57** parishioners committed to going and we have individuals on a waiting list if any cancellations may occur. This is an awesome response for a parish our size. **Please join us for some bar-b-que today!**

Our New School Board Members

It is with great joy that I announce our new school board members that will be serving a three year term beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. **Annette Holloway** has agreed to serve a second term and **Michelle England** will represent our PSR families on our St. Joseph School Board. Our school board is responsible for all aspects of education within our parish.

Pick Up an Easter Lily in Church

Anyone who donated toward the Easter Flower fund is welcome to pick up a lily in the sacristy (back of church) to take home and plant as a perpetual remembrance of their loved ones. Our sincere thanks to everyone who remembered their loved ones with a memorial this Easter season.

We Welcome Our Graduating Seniors Today

We warmly welcome our parish Seniors who will be graduating from our area high schools to today's 9:00 am mass. We have 25 seniors that have been invited to the special mass today followed by a brunch given in their honor by our parish.

Congratulations to the following Seniors upon their graduation from High School:

Patrick Allen
Abby Bender
Jesecca Bone
Dillion Boyd
Siera Castro
Karter Denman
Nicholas Dore`
Robert Dziewa
Drew Fuemmeler
Brittany Gladbach
Peter Grindel
Mallory Huck
Olivia Hyde
Elizabeth Karl
Jessica King
Phillip Kreitler
Brigit Moore
Brittany Peterson
Lauren Pfister
Sara Pothetos
Rachel Rice
Austin Robert
Gabrielle Schultz
Taylor Scism
Michael Turner

Our PSR Family Picnic will be this Wednesday at Engler Park

Our Parish School of Religion will have its last class by celebrating with a picnic at Engler Park. We sincerely thank all of our teachers, aids, parents and students for another outstanding year of religious education for our children. The evening will begin by meeting at 6:00 pm at the upper pavilion by the lake. Hope to see everyone there!

Thank You for the Gift of Love to Your Parish for Our Annual Parish Spring Clean-up Day!

Each week we are commissioned at the end of mass to go forth to love and serve the Lord... On Holy Thursday we were reminded of being called to be servants and to wash the feet of others... Last Saturday our parish clean up day was rained out and was rescheduled for this past Tuesday evening. I was indeed privileged to see the feet washing done to our parish grounds and buildings. Thank you to those who served our Lord this past Tuesday by working and cleaning God's Church and grounds here at St. Joe's. It truly was an evening of holiness for the men, women, and youth who rolled up their sleeves to work.

Our sincere thanks to **Rob Grindel**, who led the workers, and to our **Knights of Columbus** for providing the meal. To each parishioner who pitched in and helped on Tuesday, I truly thank you for being the awesome people that you are!!! **I am humbled when I see your dedication and love for your parish!**

Spanish Mass TODAY at 3:00 pm

I am pleased to announce that today we will have our monthly **3:00 pm Spanish mass** for our Hispanic brothers and sisters. **Fr. Tim Noelker** has graciously agreed to be our celebrant.

My sincere thanks to **Raul and Maureen Borrego** and **Bill and Isa Sippo** and **Dan Stott** and our Spanish choir for the tremendous amount of time they put into this ministry. This is a wonderful ministry of our parish!!!

Country Store Items, Bottle Items and Plants for the Greenhouse!

Our **Country Store** is always a big hit with our parishioners and visitors. At the Country Store we have baked goods, homemade goodies, jellies, crafts, fresh vegetables, country décor items and crafts. We would appreciate items for this booth!

For the last several years we have had a very successful booth called the "**Bottle Booth**". In this booth we have numerous different kinds of bottles, everything from ketchup, soda, wine, shampoo, conditioners, liquor, etc. You are a winner when your number drawn matches the item on one of the bottles! **If you are going shopping this week, could you pick up an extra bottle of something for this booth and drop it off at the parish center!**

We will again have our **St. Joseph Greenhouse**. This is where you can donate houseplants, bulbs, seedlings, anything from your garden that can be planted. **Do your lilies, hydrangeas, irises, flowers need thinning? If so, we would love to have them to sell at our greenhouse!**

Our School Receives a "Today and Tomorrow Educational Grant"

We are thrilled to announce that our school has received a grant of **\$3,000.00** for families in need of financial assistance for tuition from the **Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation** for the 2011-2012 school year. This grant assists parochial and private schools by providing quality, affordable and accessible educational opportunities for families in the St. Louis region by generating financial assistance from local and national sources.

Our Mass Intention Book is Filled for This Year! New Book for 2012 will Open on Thursday, November 3rd

We have filled our mass intention requests for this calendar year. The new mass intention book for 2012 will open on **Thursday, November 3rd**. If you would like any mass intentions offered for your family before the new book opens, we will gladly send the intentions to our priests in our Latin American apostolate in Bolivia.

And Finally

Congratulations to our **St. Joseph Preschoolers** who will be graduating this afternoon. Our sincere gratitude to our preschool director **Lauren Stein** and our teachers for their awesome dedication to the preschool program.

Our annual **Yesterday's Kids Church Tour** will be on **Wednesday, June 15th**. We will be visiting two cloistered monasteries as well as having noon mass at the new Basilica Cathedral. You won't want to miss this exceptional day. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

"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**

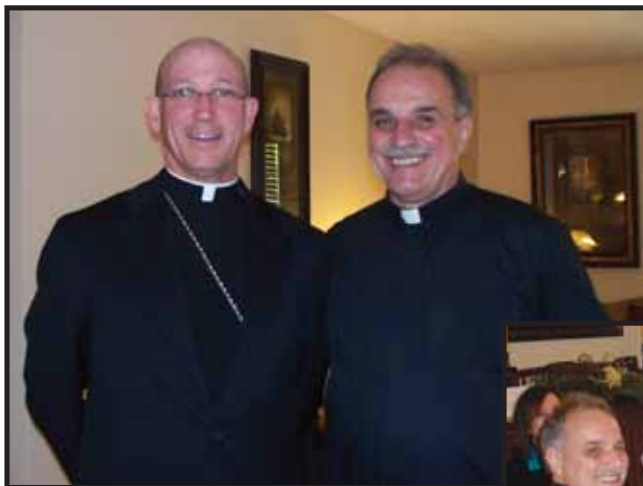


Thank you Bishop Rice for your visit to our school on Thursday, May 5th, 2011.



"Come and you will see"

John, 1:39



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10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

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 15th

Brandt Busenbark

May 16th

**Shane Brown
Ed Cerngul
Amy Johnson
Perry Rariden
Mamerta Santos**

May 17th

**Marie Aubuchon
Cathy Barron
Anne Crawford
Emily Damba**

May 17th cont.

**Tony Gutierrez
Navarro
John Hitson
Mary Theresa
McLean
Trent Sparr
Gracie Trokey
Samuel Trokey
Chris Westrich**

May 18th

Ruth Basler

May 19th

**Paul Gremminger
Jeffrey Swinarski
Gregory Thome**

May 20th

**Bob Bone
Matthew Eaton
Sarah Heberlie
Jeffrey Layton
Kylie Melton
Rose Smith**

May 21st

**Stacey Cassimatis
Vicky Damba**

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.



Happy Anniversary



May 15th, 1993

Steve & Cindy Hicks

May 15th, 1987

Mark W & Connie Kopp

May 17th, 1969

Gene & Dolores Eddleman

May 18th, 1991

Byron & Donna Black

May 18th, 1996

Matt & Angel Wright

May 19th, 1990

Joe & Cindy Pfister

May 19th, 1998

Jeffrey & Julie Umfleet



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of May 16th - 22nd, 2011

Monday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4
Jn 10:11-18

7:00 am: **Communion Service**

Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7
Jn 10:22-30

7:00 am: **Chester Dziewa**

Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Jn 12:44-50

7:00 am: **Edgar & Freida Brown**

Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
Jn 13:16-20

7:00 am: **Harry & Wanda Hutcheson**

Friday: Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

7:00 am: **Art & Madeline Lampen**

8:05 am: **Dorothy Corbet**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

5:00 pm **Parishioners**

Sunday:

7:30 am: **Fred & Betty Phelps**

9:00 am: **Ralph Wozniak**

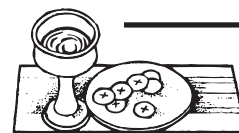
10:30 am: **Sue Fowler**

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 21st

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: John Crouch

Extraordinary Ministers:

Walt & Debbie Douglas, Tom Karl,
Rosetta Halter, Laura Denkler

Ushers: Mark Kellogg, Richard Reney,
Dennis Rogers, Ralph Trepasso

Servers: M. Francis, C. Francis, K. Halter

Sunday, May 22nd

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Bob Lowery

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jerry & Dotty Bach, Tom & Brenda Donze,
Vicky Damba

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

Servers: E. Damba, K. Weidenbenner

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg

Lector: Margaret Greif

Extraordinary Ministers:

Kevin Boatright, Rob Grindel,
Doak Holloway, Adam Barnhouse

Ushers: Don Trokey, Mike Turner,
Mike Ward, Dan Combs

Servers: T. Holloway, E. Barnhouse, I. Holloway

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: Phyllis LaPlant

Extraordinary Ministers:

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

Ushers: Tom Lutsch, Logan Cannell,
Travis Trolinger, John Bieser

Servers: H. Vargo, Ni. Juliette, No. Juliette

Monday, May 16th, 2011

Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Connie Grindel,
Marie Herman, Jo Rustemeyer

Money Counters

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

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



Our rosary leaders will be:
 Joni Jones, Jackie Maloney, Helen Mell,
 Mary Strohmeier, Phyllis Trolinger

The Mysteries this week are: **Luminous**

Our petition for this week will be:

“As our graduates begin another phase in their lives, we ask our Lord to watch over them, guide them, help them make the right decisions and enrich their lives by furthering their education.”

In Our Thoughts and Prayers. . .

We pray for the repose of the soul of



Mary Lee Huck
 mother of Keith (Linda) Huck

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

Everyone is invited to the next
Our Father's Table



NEXT Sunday
4:00 - 6:00 pm
St. Joe Gym

We will be enjoying meatloaf, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, and a dinner salad. Please invite anyone you know that may be in need of a complimentary homemade meal served with love and compassion to join us. Our Father's Table is located in our school gym, the entrance is on Carleton Street.

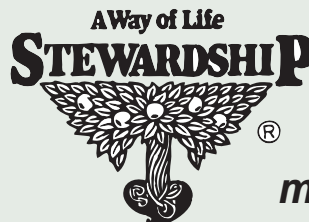
Your Gifts to God and Parish

Sunday, May 8th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$11,633.03
Loose	\$363.08
Children's Envelopes	<u>\$2.15</u>
	\$11,998.26

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,998.26	\$486,043.15
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$488,250.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$1,148.26)	(\$2,206.85)
Partners in Education		\$160.00
Maintenance & Repair		\$68.00
St. Vincent de Paul		\$585.00
Regina Cleri		\$30.00
Perpetual Cemetery		\$105.00
Youth Ministry		\$205.00
Respect Life		<u>\$50.00</u>
Total for Specials		\$1,203.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."
John 10:10

We may think that filling our lives with all sorts of riches is what Jesus meant by having life abundantly. Yet, in reality, when we really take time to know God through prayer and scripture we realize that the truly abundant life Jesus offers is a simple life of prayer and service.

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

Please pray for: Linda Versluys, Larry Flanagan, Don Kollmeyer, Mary Ann Hermann, **Wilma Nations, Charmaine McFarland**, Cindy Marler, 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, 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

- Wed 05/18 **Baptism Prep Class**
6:00 pm • Library
- PSR Picnic**
6:00 pm • Engler Park
- Parish Rosary**
7:15 pm • Church
- Thurs 05/19 **Eucharistic Adoration**
7:30 am - 5:20 pm • Church
- Picnic Committee Meeting**
6:30 pm • Parish Center
- Fri 05/20 **All School Mass**
8:05 am • Church
- Athletic Association Banquet**
6:00 pm • Gym

Volleyball



St. Joseph School is in need of two **coaches** for girls' volleyball for the 2011-2012 school year. If you would like to volunteer please contact Mrs. Susie Rohrer at 756-6312.

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.

PSR Registration

It's time to register for the 2011-2012 Parish School of Religion. Registration forms have been mailed to currently enrolled families. Families new to the program may pick up a Registration Form from the Parish Office, Parish website/PSR page, or in the back of Church.

Eucharistic Adoration



May 26th will be the last day for Eucharistic Adoration before the summer break. Adoration will begin again on Thursday, September 8th.

Our Thanks To

Donna Conklin
of St. Joe's Garden Club for watering and tending to our potted plants this week.



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Month of Mary

*Mary, my dearest mother,
give me your heart so beautiful,
so pure, so Immaculate,
so full of love and humility,
that I may receive Jesus as you did
- and go in haste
to give him to others.*

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta



*Thank you for
your hard work
and dedication to
our Parish School
of Religion.*

Parish School of Religion Faculty and Staff

Front row left to right: Becky Gruhala (first grade), Barb Halter (second grade), Sr. Barbara Wentworth (director), Kelly Barnhouse (fourth grade), Isa Sippo (fifth grade). Second row: Nathan Stein (eighth grade), Teresa Aubuchon (fourth grade), Fr. Rickey Valleroy, Dolores Eddleman (seventh grade), Lisa Arnold (third grade), Terri Roney (secretary).

Picnic Bottle Booth

We are having our Bottle Booth again this year for our Parish Picnic. This booth has absolutely NO overhead and always generates a good profit. Every year we run out of bottles with people still wanting to play. All donations are greatly appreciated!! There are currently collection boxes outside the Parish Office and in the school. Below are just some suggestions of items. As long as it is a nonperishable unopened bottle item, we would love to have it! If you have any questions please contact **Heather Meyer** at 701-0185 or email at mothermeyer2@yahoo.com. Thank you!

sunscreens	bubble bath	BBQ sauce	hand soap	dish soap	hair spray
cosmetics	car wash items	wine	soda	mustard	vinegar
liquor	bottled water	lotions	motor oil	strawberry syrup	vitamins
kids bubbles	perfume	marinade sauces	juice	hair gel	olive oil
shampoo	conditioner	beer	bath/shower gels	ketchup	chocolate syrup



Home & School Association

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



Upcoming Events

May 22nd
Preschool Graduation

May 24th
Eighth Grade Graduation

May 26th
Last Day of School



Meet our Kindergarten Class

Our Kindergarten class this year is unique and special. Early in the year we decided as a group that we would be a "magic class", using pixie dust to help us be kind and loving to each other and to everyone we meet. We have worked hard all year to do just that! We have accomplished so much this year.

In God's Time we have learned of God's love for us and how He wants us to treat each other. We have learned about Jesus' life and that He died for us. We are all reading! Wow! We can read our grade level books and even some of Mrs. Pfaff's!

We are very good at math, too. Among the numerous concepts we've learned are counting to 100 and skip counting, addition and subtraction, and even figuring place value. And even though we are really good students, one of our favorite things about school is recess! That's always fun!

We wish you all a happy and blessed summer and will see you again in August as St. Joe First Graders.

Not pictured is Brayden.

We invite you to come visit us and observe excellence in preschool education.



St. Joseph's Little Saints Preschool

"Preparing God's Children for Success!"

St. Joseph's Little Saints Preschool is a proven, wonderful preschool serving the Farmington community. We believe that each child is a gift from God, possessing specific talents making them unique. It is their uniqueness, combined with a nurturing environment, which helps them to fully experience the world God has created.

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is now open to the community.

The Little Saints Preschool is a quality enrichment program for ages 3 through Prekindergarten. Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm with afterschool care available. For more information please contact Mrs. Susie Rohrer, principal, at 756-6312 or Abbey McAnally, director, at 756-4250.

Enroll your child now!

Outstanding
"Growing in Mathematics"
Program new for
2011-2012!!

Growing in FAITH™

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

May 2011

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Fr. Rickey J. Valleroy

One Minute Meditations

A human heart

Although we can't see his face, Jesus isn't remote or distant "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15-16). Knowing this can give us confidence to approach him in prayer.

Look different

No one wants to be taken advantage of or to appear weak. Yet as Christians, we have to be the ones to make peace. "Do not repay anyone evil for evil ... If possible, on your part, live at peace with all" (Romans 12:17-18). Our solutions must be biblical, not societal.

Be happy

Instead of worrying, trust God. "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).



Mary brings us to her Son

Mary's life on Earth was dedicated to bringing the Savior to humanity. Now that she is in Heaven, she continues to bring our concerns to her Son. Praying the "Hail Mary" is a wonderful way to honor our Heavenly Mother.

Hail Mary, full of grace: Conceived without Original Sin, Mary's will and intellect were predisposed to holiness. Grace helped her to live a difficult life without sinning.

The Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women: Mary was honored to be chosen as Jesus' mother.

Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Mary knew how great Jesus would be but she also knew what the prophets wrote about how he would suffer and

die. As his mother, she wanted to share his joy and his sorrow.

Holy Mary, Mother of God. Mary loved her child even more than most parents because he was her Lord and Savior, too.

Pray for us sinners. When Jesus took his last breaths on the Cross, Mary's job of being Mother of the Savior broadened to becoming Mother of the world. Now she cares for us.

Now and at the hour of death. On Earth, Mary brought her Son to us. Now she brings us to the heart of her Son. She prays for us always because that's what a mother does.

Amen.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why is our "Our Father" different than the Protestant version?

In teaching the disciples to pray, Jesus used the basic wording that became the prayer we pray during Mass and in other devotions. Two very similar versions can be found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.



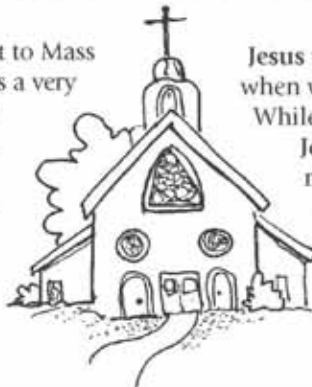
Some Protestants add a short, hymn-like verse which exalts the glory of God, "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever." Such a verse is called a doxology. However, it isn't found in Scripture

so we don't use it.

What's so special about Mass this Sunday?

Life gets so busy that it can be hard to get to Mass every Sunday. The good news is that there is a very compelling reason to attend Mass this very weekend. **Jesus is coming to your church.**

Jesus will be there in the flesh just like he always is whenever Mass is celebrated. This isn't a symbolic visit. He's not just being represented by the priest or present in those around you. While that is true, there's more.



Jesus will be there in the flesh. He's not just remembered when we sing the songs, read Scripture, or pray the prayers. While that is true, there's more.

Jesus will be there in the flesh. He wasn't speaking metaphorically when he said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). That was a direct instruction.

Jesus wants us to go to Mass every weekend without fail. And when Jesus tells us to do something, it's best to do it. His Father said to do it, too (Exodus 20:8). And that's enough.

from **Scripture**

**John 14:15-21;
I will not leave you.**

In this, one of his farewell speeches to his disciples, Jesus was laying the foundation for them to become his Church. He was preparing them to become the people who brought him to the rest of the world.

But Jesus knew that what he was asking them (and us) to do would be difficult without him there to guide them, so he made two powerful promises.

First, he promised to send an Advocate – the Holy Spirit – who would always

be with us. The gift of the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all his followers and help us to see the truth of God's love for us.

Second, he promised that he wouldn't leave us even though he was going away. When we are absorbed by the world, we can't "see" Jesus because we

are too focused on ourselves. Yet, when we live our love for God by obeying his commandments and loving others, we show Jesus to the world.



Q Does Original & Sin mean **A** anything to us?

When God created Adam and Eve, he gave them an inclination to holiness so that they would be suited for life in the Garden of Eden.



When they disobeyed him and ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they committed the first sin (called "Original Sin"). They changed their nature forever and lost that special life of grace. Sin infected their souls and was passed down to their descendants – us.

Thanks to Original Sin, we wage a battle with our own passions and emotions to keep them under control. It's why we can sometimes have trouble thinking clearly when we are under stress. Or, it's why we can lack resolve or perseverance. "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). Chalk it up to concupiscence: "Human appetites or desires which remain disordered due to the temporal consequences of Original Sin, which remain even after Baptism, and which produce an inclination to sin" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

If it weren't for Original Sin, we wouldn't have to fight our own natures to achieve holiness.

Feasts & Celebrations

In May we celebrate our mothers and honor the mother of all, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Three ways to grow closer to Mary include praying to her, honoring her feast days, and praising her to others.

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker. Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917). The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children near Fatima, Portugal. Mary asked the

children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. She became an Augustinian nun and was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

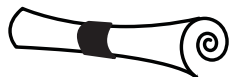


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Look at what's happening in our Parish. . .

Sunday, May 22nd
Our Father's Table



Tuesday, May 24th
Eighth Grade Graduation

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



Saturday, June 25th
GTO Concert at 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 26th
Annual Parish Picnic



VBS

July 11th - 15th
Vacation Bible School

Horse Daycamp at Black Knight Stables

June 13th - 18th, 2011

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Horse Show for
camp participants on
Saturday the 18th**
8:30 - 10:30 am



Fee is \$325 which includes snacks, lunches, and craft supplies. Camp is for those 6 through 15 years of age. Campers will participate in individual daily riding lessons, classroom activities followed up with "hands on" ground work with the horses and equipment in the barn, a trail ride and horse show practice. Students will also learn about conformation, colors and markings, fitting tack, hoof care, mouths and bits, first aid and safety, horse nutrition, stable management, and horse grooming.

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573-756-3261. Hurry! Space is limited!
Reservation deadline is May 20th, 2011.

Hearing Voices

One of the first sounds we learn to recognize is the voice of our parents. Eventually we can recognize other family members and friends. We can even tell who's calling on the phone by the voice we hear. So maybe we can understand how Jesus says the sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd.

So if Jesus is the shepherd, who are his sheep? He says they will not follow a stranger. What about us? Don't we get distracted by other voices than that of Jesus? We tell lies when a voice inside tells us that the truth will get us in trouble. A young girl has an abortion because her friends tell her she can't raise a child by herself. People have no money to give to the poor because they hear the voices of advertisers telling them to buy things for themselves. There are many voices in the world competing with the voice of Jesus.

In the gospel, Jesus is saying that his followers listen to him rather than the Pharisees because they recognize Jesus as being from God. It seems that many of the religious leaders of the time were more interested in the prestige of having followers than in leading those followers to God. They taught a brand of holiness that was based on ritual actions rather than on a relationship with the Lord. Some even used people's generosity to make themselves wealthy. These are the ones Jesus refers to as the "thieves." Jesus came not to take from his followers, but to give them life in abundance.

But like the sheep, we must learn to recognize the voice of Jesus. We do that by getting to know him more deeply. By using prayer, the scriptures, and the sacraments, we become more and more familiar with the voice of Jesus. We hear his voice in the advice of a trustworthy friend, the counsel of a priest, the discipline of a parent or the urging of our conscience. And as we follow Jesus more and more, we too can become voices that lead others to him.

(from "The Word in our Lives")

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The Children's Advocacy Center would like to thank St. Joseph Parish and Father Rickey for allowing them the use of the gym for a dinner/dance that was held May 7th. The event was a blast and helped raised a lot of money. These funds will go toward helping the victimized children of our community and surrounding counties. A special thanks to the school for allowing us to set up on Friday, and additional thanks to Mike & John for their hospitality and set up.

Sincerely,

Nikki Masters

CAC Volunteer

