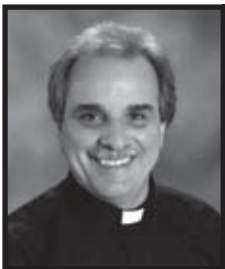


“Do this...
in memory of Me.”



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PLEASE MAKE A PLEDGE AT YOUR PARISH APRIL 17-MAY 2, 2010



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 38th 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 5:00 – 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!**

An Awesome Yesterday's Kids Trip Planned to Springfield, Illinois

One of the special ministries we have here at St. Joe's is our Yesterday's Kids excursions. We have an awesome trip planned for our Yesterday's Kids (those 55 and older) to Springfield, Illinois to see the new **Lincoln Museum** and **Lincoln's Tomb**. A highlight of the trip will be an afternoon at **New Salem**, a historical village where Lincoln lived in the 1830's. A relaxing evening at an outdoor theatre enjoying the play **"Cowgirls"**.

I promise you a great time! We will board the bus from St. Joseph's parking lot at **7:30 am on Thursday, June 10th** and return in the evening on **Friday, June 11th**. Please contact Sandy at the parish office as soon as possible if you are interested in going. We would like to confirm hotel reservations soon for the best possible price.

Spanish Mass Next Weekend on Mother's Day at 3:00 pm

I am pleased to announce that we will have a **3:00 pm Spanish mass on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th** for our Hispanic brothers and sisters. **Fr. Dave Nations C.M.** 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!!!

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 2010-2011 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.

ACA Pledges Can be Made This Weekend in the Parish Center

This year's theme for our Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal is **"Do this in memory of Me."** Our parish is extremely grateful to **Charlie and Rita Boyd** for co-chairing this year's appeal. Tables will be set up in our parish center today to sign your pledge cards.

Please save Charlie and Rita from having to call you by signing your pledge card at the parish center.

This annual campaign raises funds needed for many of the critical services provided by the Archdiocese for the poor, the elderly, the sick, the children (born and unborn). **Please, let us open our hearts to those most in need of our generosity to God.** For the past several years our parish was the recipient of a **\$25,000** grant to our school, our St. Vincent de Paul food Pantry received **\$1,500.00** in 2007, **\$1,750** in 2008, and **\$1,750.00** in 2009 from the ACA.

PSR Registration for 2010-2011 School Year Due This Week

Registration for the upcoming 2010-2011 PSR school year is due by Friday, May 7th. 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 7th the fee will increase by \$10.00. If you have any questions please contact **Patrick Kelly** at the parish office at 756-4250.

We Welcome our Graduating Seniors at the 9:00 Mass May 16th

We will warmly welcome our parish Seniors who will be graduating from our area high schools to a special celebration in their honor **Sunday, May 16th** at the 9:00 mass. The seniors will be invited to participate in the 9:00 mass followed by a brunch given in their honor by our parish. The immediate families of these graduates are also invited to the brunch following in our Parish Center. Invitations have been mailed out, if you are a graduating senior and have not received one please contact Sandy at the parish office.

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 roles in our parish. Our Parish Council will have three openings this spring and our School Board will have two openings.

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. The ultimate goal of any of these positions is to strengthen and build upon our mission statement, our shared vision for our faith community and to be a living sign of the presence of Christ within the parish community.

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!**

Parish Leadership Day has been set for September 11th

Our sixth annual Parish Leadership Day will be held **Saturday, September 11th**. All parish council members, finance committee members, school board members, and parish staff please mark your calendars. Our goal from this day of reflection and prayer is to establish our three parish goals for the upcoming year.

And Finally. . .

Our thanks to **Ed and Jacinta Weidenbenner**, owners of Tropical Snow on Potosi Street, who recently donated \$100 from the tips received to "Our Father's Table".

During the past few weeks we have interviewed four candidates for the principal position of our school. I'm looking forward to making an announcement soon.

"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*

Our Pastoral Team

Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy..... Pastor
email: frickvalleroy@aol.com

Rev. James W. Dyer..... Associate Pastor
email: frjim@stjosephfarmington.com

Deacon Albin Gegg Permanent Deacon

Jackie Whitworth.....Principal
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Sr. Barbara Wentworth..... RCIA Director

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Sandy Doty..... Event Coordinator and Bulletin Editor
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Mike Ward Maintenance Supervisor

Doak Holloway..... Pastoral Council

James Eaton Financial Commission

Ed Brown..... Cemetery Association
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Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Phone (573)756-4250 • Fax (573)756-6938
10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

This Week in Our Parish

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| Tues | 5/04 | Picnic Committee Meeting
6:00 pm • Parish Center |
| | | Cub Scout Pack 483 Den Meeting
6:30 pm • Cafeteria |
| Wed | 5/05 | Women of Mary Luncheon
12:00 noon • Parish Center |
| | | PSR Classes
6:00 pm • School |
| | | Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00 pm • Parish Center |
| | | Parish Rosary
7:15 pm • Church |
| Thurs | 5/06 | Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 am - 5:15 pm • Church |
| Fri | 5/07 | First Friday Adoration
8:00 am - 5:15 pm • Church |
| Sat | 5/08 | Senior High Youth Group Lock In
7:00 pm - 7:00 am • Gym |
| | | Spanish Mass
3:00 pm • Church |

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 5:30 pm
First Fridays of the month from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Open Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For assistance call 756-0997



Happy Birthday



May 2nd
Chris Howard
Rita Stam
Carrie Watson
Matthew Weidenbenner

May 3rd
Liz Anderson
Nick Hulsey

May 4th
Donna Conklin
Alyssa Koppeis
Bob Oder
Kaiden Shelton

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 2nd, 1992
John & Judy Colligan

May 5th, 1989
Joe & Kelly Barnhouse

May 3rd, 1969
Jr. & Mary Lou Brady

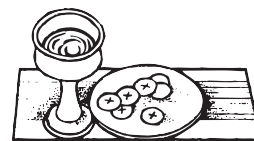


Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of May 3rd - 9th, 2010

- Monday: St. Philip and St. James**
Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
7:00 am: **Ralph & Hilda Vogt**
- Tuesday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b,21
Jn 14:27-31a
7:00 am: **Matthew Inman**
- Wednesday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
7:00 am: **Margaret Lutsch**
- Thursday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11
7:00 am: **C. E. (Kopie) & Lucille Koppeis**
- Friday: Easter Weekday**
Readings: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10,12 Jn 15:12-17
7:00 pm: **Special Intention**
8:00 pm: **Beverley Byington**
- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Rv 21:10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29
5:00 pm **Parishioners**
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: **Mary Herold**
9:00 am: **Rose Ann Pruess**
10:30 am: **Al Dziewa**

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, May 8th

5:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: Tom Karl

Extraordinary Ministers:

Rosetta Halter, Linda Versluys,
John Crouch, John Denkler, Jim Willis

Ushers: James Cissell, John Denkler,
John England, Terry Guiley

Servers: K. Halter, C. Vargo, E. Childress

Sunday, May 9th

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: Dottie Reeves

Extraordinary Ministers:

Steve Forsythe, Jack & Kathy Neiner,
Chuck & Rose Hayden

Ushers: Bob Govreau, Charles Govreau,
Dale Jones, Charles Koppeis

Servers: G. Schultz, E. Pratte

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Dawn Fuemmeler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Patrick Kelly, Cletus & Debbie Dalton,
Mitch Fuemmeler, Kevin Boatright

Ushers: Walter Klinkhardt, Bill Kure,
Jerry Morris, Dale Springs

Servers: D. Kelso, A. Winch, M. Pfeiffer

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg

Lector: Phyllis LaPlant

Extraordinary Ministers:

Theresa Aubuchon, Jana Dore',
John & Helen Thurman

Ushers: Jim Robert, Travis Trolinger,
John Bieser, Bob Bone

Servers: M. Francis, C. Francis, J. C. Odle



Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Monday, May 3rd, 2010

Sacristans

Theresa AuBuchon, Geneva Jokerst,
Sue Brown, Barb Doss

Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie Maloney,
Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon



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

Our rosary leaders will be:
Jane Allen, Ginger Baechle,
Pat Boatright, Sue Brown,
and Beverly Bryant

The Mysteries this week are:
Sorrowful

Our petition for this week will be:

**“For the grace to continually seek and
understand the Word of our Lord.”**

Welcome

We Warmly Welcome the Following New Parishioners

Ms. Stephanie Byrd

**Paul & Stephanie Boshoff and their
children Paulena and Carrick**

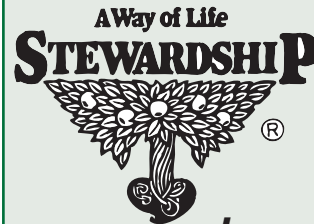
Ms. Laura Leachman

Ms. Deborah Gebhardt

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

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Due to conflicting schedules we cannot include
the contributions from April 25th this week.
They will be published in next week's bulletin.



**“I give
you a new
commandment:
love one another. As
I have loved you, so you also
should love one another.”**

John 13:34

Jesus showed His love by healing the
sick, giving hope to the hopeless and
ultimately dying on the cross for us. We,
too, are called to show our love for one
another. The agencies supported by the
Annual Catholic Appeal carry on the
work and the love of Jesus. When you
give to the ACA you give love to
someone in need.



Wedding Banns



Bann I

Katie Rapp & Josh Wahling

May 22nd, 2010

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

Please pray for: Ed Nicholson, Madison Hanley, Klaus Rausch, Bill Laut, Freda Swetnam, Laura Williams, Kevin Berra, Lucille Herzog, Doris Neiter, **Ralph Trepasso**, **Lou Guzman**, Kathy Krechnyak, Loretta Forsythe, Rebecca Suttle, Susie Wilson, Paul & Sharon Hahn, **Anne Johnson**, Rhonda LaPierre, **Ruth Basler**, **Mary Lou Lodholz**, **Charlotte Morris**, Kersey Lewis, Melvin Arrington, Barbara Hopper, Dean Resinger, **Pete Dastoor**, Tom Kinder, Nadine Giessing, **Marilyn Bering**, Joe Trepasso, Walter Neiter, Martha Davis, Gail Rosenberg, Sandy Emmenderfer, June Vohs, Cindy Miller, Katie, Courtney Strain, **Frances Damba**, baby Brittany, Kevin Swoboda, **Rosemary Knittig**, Bob Baldwin, **Maudie Kelly**.

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

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



Wednesday, May 12th
PSR year end picnic

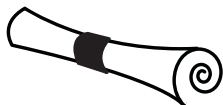
Sunday, May 16th
High School Senior
Mass and Brunch



Sunday, May 16th
Preschool Graduation



Thursday, May 20th
8th Grade Graduation
7:00 pm mass



June 4th - 6th
Farmington Country Days
Eat at Saints Pub & Grill

June 10th & 11th
Yesterday's Kids Trip
to Springfield, Illinois



Wednesday, June 23rd
Yesterday's Kids
Annual Church Tour



Saturday, June 26th
GTO Concert at 7:00 pm



Sunday, June 27th
Annual Parish Picnic

July 12th - 16th
Vacation Bible School

VBS

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.*

No Stunt Man for Jesus

It seems that the first and second readings contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22) But in the second reading from Revelations, John says there will be "no more...mourning, wailing, or pain." (Rev 21:4) These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory: A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony. Married couples know that their love is measured as much by the sacrifices they make, as by the joy they receive.

This also explains how difficult it is for the wealthy to get into the kingdom of God: If everything comes easy to you, if you never have to work for anything, you may not be capable of the sacrifices that true Love entails. Some may have had life so easy, they don't know how to make the effort it takes to love God or people. And some who worked hard to acquire wealth don't understand the deeper joy that comes from sharing with others.

That's why Jesus in the gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. He didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. The cushy jobs went to the angels who announced the birth of the Savior (Lk 1:26-32), or told the women at the tomb that he was risen. (Lk 24:4-7) God himself was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child.) God himself suffered from the agony in the garden through the crucifixion.

So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them." (Rev 21:3)

(from "The Word in our Lives")

all women of the parish are invited to attend the

Women of Mary Annual Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, May 5th

at 12:00 Noon

St Joseph Parish Center

Please join the women of the parish to socialize and celebrate the **YEAR OF THE PRIEST** at our annual luncheon. Meat, drinks and ice cream dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish. **ALL WOMEN** of the parish are invited to attend.



Celebrating the Year of the Priest

A Prayer for Our Priests

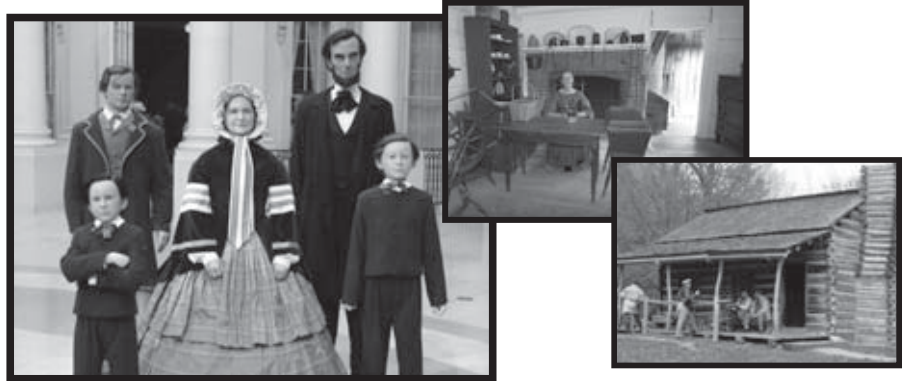
Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By the same Holy Spirit put your words on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

**Come Meet the
Lincoln Family!!**

Only \$160



Yesterday's Kids

Trip to Springfield, Illinois

Please join us

Thursday and Friday, June 10th & 11th

- Enjoy a grilled lunch (included in cost) and an afternoon touring Lincoln' New Salem State Historic Site, an historic village where Abraham Lincoln lived in the 1830's.
- Dine at the "Plaid Rooster", (included in cost) a family-style restaurant in Petersburg, Illinois where all the food is homemade.
- Enjoy the musical with a country flair "Cowgirls" at Theatre In The Park, an outdoor amphitheater with unique multi-level stage (included in cost).
- Stay the night at the completely renovated The State House Inn, a registered Historic building in the City of Springfield with a 1960's flair!
 - Explore America's most visited presidential museum: the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum (included in cost).
 - Visit Lincoln's Tomb.



Yesterday's Kids Springfield, IL Trip

June 10th & 11th • \$160.00 per person, double occupancy (\$210 for single occupancy) due with registration. Registration and money must be turned into Sandy at the parish office by May 17th.

Name (as it will appear on nametag) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Home & School Association

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

On behalf of St. Joseph Catholic School, we would like to thank the entire parish of St. Joseph for supporting the 2010 Stars Shining Bright Sweepstakes. Your contributions make a difference in the lives of our children and our families. We were able to sell 333 tickets. We awarded \$20,000 in cash and prizes, including free tuition for the Trokey family who sold the most tickets. We also were able to contribute \$10,000 to the school's operating budget and the remaining \$3,000 went directly into the budget for updating computers and technology.

Once again, we can't thank you enough for all of your prayers, encouragement and support. This is truly a gift that keeps on giving!

Congratulations to Lanie & Rick Bender, who were the grand prize winners of the \$10,000. The winning ticket was sold by Taylor Stamm, daughter of Brian and Cathy Stamm. The winner of the second place prize of \$2,500 was Norma Greif. The winner of the third place prize of \$1,500 was Dr. Scott Kirkley.



Students enjoyed a show by the Jump Rope Master on April 23. He will be competing to break a world record by jump roping while on a unicycle!

La Iglesia Católica de San José de
Farmington, Missouri
10 North Long St

Te Invita a La Celebracion en Español

**A la Misa especial
del Día de las Madres
El 9 de Mayo de 2010
a las 3 pm**



Trae tu platillo favorito y comparte con nosotros en la Mesa de el Señor en el Centro de la Parróquia después de la Santa Misa

Para mas información, Llama a Raúl al 573-760-8721 Se habla español

Women of Mary Retreat Day

Seeking the Face of Christ

with guest speaker Penny Arslanian and Fr. Rickey

All women of St. Joseph Parish are invited to attend a retreat day at The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville.



Wednesday, May 12th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



- 8:00 am Carpool from St. Joseph's
- 9:00 am Welcome with Hoeckle Bakery Doughnuts
- 9:30 am First Presentation:
Seeking the Face of Christ in Others
- 10:00 am Personal Reflection and Prayer Time
- 10:45 am Second Presentation:
Wiping the Face of Jesus
- 11:30 am Lunch: an awesome fried chicken meal from American Legion
- 12:30 pm Small Group Discussion
- 1:00 pm Mass at Shrine and Installation of new officers
- 2:00 pm depart Perryville
- 3:00 pm arrival back in Farmington

Our New Women of Mary Officers for 2010-2011

President: **Connie Grindel**

Vice President: **Linda Gillespie**

Secretary: **Rita Boyd**

Treasurer: **Jackie Maloney**

Corresponding Secretary: **Pat Boatright**

Consulting Officers: **Donna Conklin & Helen Thurman**

Growing in FAITH™

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

May 2010

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Fr. Rickey J. Valleroy

One Minute Meditations

Your turn

No parish can do the work of the Church without support from parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. What does your parish need from you?

Newest Catholics

More than 25,000 people became Catholic on Holy Saturday last month in the U.S. Each year Church numbers grow by approximately 10%. Please consider praying for these newest Catholics so that they can help the Church grow in strength and holiness.

Turn to Mary

During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will help bring you to her Son:

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."



What is keeping you from God?

Does the business of your life take priority over your relationship with God?

"I work too much to have time for God, but I have lots of expenses and need the money." *"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"* (Matthew 7:9-11). Trust him and God will supply all you need and much of what you want, too.



"What's the point? It doesn't feel like God is paying attention to me." He may be waiting for an invitation.

"When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the LORD" (Jeremiah 29:11-12).

Invite him into your heart and he will always be close.

"My life is so busy there isn't much time for God." Yet, there is nothing and no one on Earth that can make you truly happy. "Do not conform yourselves to this

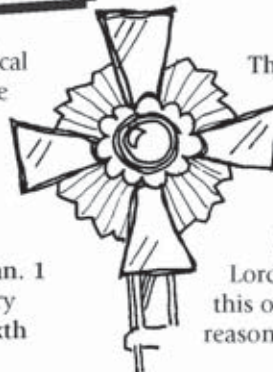
age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect" (Romans 12:1).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What are Holy Days of Obligation?

The Eucharist is critical to our salvation, so the Church requires that Catholics participate in the Eucharist every Sunday and principal feast day.

These can include: Jan. 1 – the solemnity of Mary Mother of God; the sixth



Thursday after Easter – the Ascension; Aug. 15 – the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Nov. 1 – All Saints Day; Dec. 8 – the Immaculate Conception;

Dec. 25 – the Nativity of Our Lord. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation without a serious reason commit a grave sin.

One way to avoid sin: stop negative thoughts

If it's one thing Catholics know about, it's hope. God's love for us and his infinite mercy give us hope. Living in an imperfect world, however, can overshadow hope with doubt, fear, depression, anger, jealousy and all manner of negative thinking. Without hope, though, we can drift far from God and the path to Heaven. Try these ideas to resist negative thinking and hold onto hope.

Stay alert. Be watchful for the first signs of negative thoughts so you can crush them before they can take root.



Shake it loose. Do something to disrupt the negative image or thought. Snap a rubber band on your wrist, picture a brick wall, say, "STOP" out loud.

Replace it. Instead of dwelling on the negative thought, replace it with a prayer, an image of yourself in a peaceful place, or the face of Jesus, Mary, or your favorite saint.

Move on. Resume normal activities as soon as possible.

Give thanks. Thank God that he always gives us another chance to get things right.

from Scripture

John 20:19-23, Open your door to Christ.

Despite hearing that Jesus was being spotted around town, the disciples were shocked to see Jesus appear to them in a locked room. They thought the lock would keep everyone out. Jesus appeared to them so that they could be first-person witnesses to his resurrection. But he also came to commission them to carry on the work he started.



So he breathed on them, just as God breathed life into Adam and created a new creature. By doing so, Jesus renewed his disciples, strengthened them, and gave them a new outlook so they could continue his mission.

By virtue of our Baptism Jesus has commissioned each us to spread the word of God's love and the hope of salvation. And he promises to be with us and give us the strength we need to do his work.

The work is why they were chosen, but Jesus knew they needed strength.

Q & A Do I have an obligation to point out the sins of others?

One way Catholics can live as Jesus' disciples is to practice works of mercy. Acting out of Christian love, we can



help our neighbor obtain what is needed for spiritual and physical well-being. Corporal works address physical needs while spiritual works build up the soul.

In fact, one of the seven spiritual works is to convert the sinner.

"Brothers, even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit..." (Galatians 6:1). When we notice someone acting in a sinful or hurtful way, we have a responsibility to speak up and act for change.

However, any kind of correction has to come out of love for the other person and have a basis in Scripture. *"... He should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins"* (James 5:20).

Feasts & Celebrations

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

May 13 - Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In some dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 18 – Pope St. John I (526). Arian heresy was troubling the Church and Arians were under attack by Emperor Justin of Constantinople. The Arian king asked Pope John I to advocate for them to Justin, which

made the emperor suspect the pope's loyalties. He had Pope John I imprisoned for conspiracy and the pope died from the treatment he received.

May 25 – Pope St. Gregory VII (1085). During dark days for the Church, St. Gregory worked to eliminate the buying and selling of sacred offices, unlawful marriages of the clergy, and to keep kings and nobles from appointing Church officials. St. Gregory vigorously defended the authority of the Church.



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

Jennifer (Chris) Howard

Denise (Kirk) Gallagher

Allyn (Gustavo) Rizo

Mandy (Jake) Whitener

Amy (Stephen) Williams

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

Happenings at Other Parishes

Sacred Heart Parish of Ozora in St. Mary, MO

Spring Social and Dinner • Sunday, May 2nd

Chicken & Beef dinners from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

National Shrine of Our Lady

of the Miraculous Medal • May Procession

Sunday, May 2nd, 3:30 pm, starts at Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church and will proceed to the grotto

Church of the Good Shepherd in Hillsboro

Annual Parish Picnic • Sunday, May 16th

Fried Chicken & Beef dinners from Noon - 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have Eternal Life.

This is the Son of God. Believe in Him! Visit Him at Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays from 8:00 am until Benediction at 5:15 pm.

To sign up or for more information please contact Charlie and Rita Boyd at 756-2383.



A note from our Youth Minister

We had a good turnout last weekend for both youth groups: 8 teens for Jr. high and 11 for Sr. high! We ate, prayed, and played. It was fun!

Senior High Youth Group

TODAY Sunday, May 2nd

6:30 pm in the gym

We will be having pizza, playing a quick game, watching a video in honor of Mary during her month, and having a brief discussion on it. The video is really interesting so please come!

Junior High Youth Group

Saturday, May 15th at 3:00 pm in the playground (gym in case of bad weather)

This will be our second to last meeting of the school year, so please come and have some fun!

Senior High Lock In

will be May 8th and 9th from 7:00 pm until 7:00 am in the gym. Hope everyone can make it.

Steubenville

Registration is now over and we have 4 teens and 3 chaperones attending the Steubenville Conference in July.

Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

Last week in class we discussed the sacrament of Matrimony. One good question arose during our discussion: Who is the celebrant for the sacrament? Find out the answer in next week's bulletin.

Have a good week, everyone, and God bless!

Peace in Christ thru Mary, *Patrick*

PSR Picnic

May 12th at 6:00 pm!



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!

God Bless,

Heather Meyer, Bottle Booth Chair

sunscreen	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

