

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Farmington, Missouri

October 3rd, 2010

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Gospel Message Since 1890

**Only
\$8.00!!**

**an ole' fashioned
all-you-can-eat
Chicken Fry**

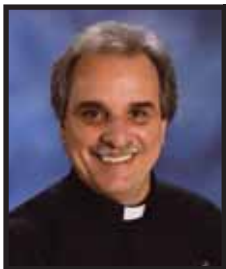
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy • Country Style Green Beans • Corn
Rolls • Ice Tea and Lemonade • Terrific Homemade Desserts

**Sunday, October 17th
starting at 11:00 am**

St. Joseph Parish Gym

\$8.00 for adults and **\$4.00** for children under 12
children under 5 years old FREE • carry outs available

*Proceeds benefit the Washington D.C.
March for Life pilgrimage.*



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

We Need Someone to Lead our Children's Liturgy of the Word

at our Sunday 10:30 masses
or we may have to discontinue it

Each Sunday morning at the 10:30 mass our hearts feel a smile when the little children come forward for a blessing and are then dismissed for their own liturgy of the Word. Last weekend I counted 19 children who came forward for this special ministry. For the past several years **Becky Gruhala** has organized and taught the class for the little children. She has been assisted by various volunteers throughout the years.

After numerous years of faithful service Becky has asked to share her love for children in a different ministry and is now our first grade PSR teacher. Our first graders love having her as their teacher.

Because of the needs of her own family and also working full time, she is just unable to do both ministries. Thus, we are in need of someone to step forward to take leadership of our Sunday morning Liturgy of the Word with our children. We need someone to step forward soon for this special ministry for our children. If we do not find someone by October 24th we may have to forgo this special ministry. If you feel God calling you to love his little ones by sharing God's word with them please give me a call soon.

An Awesome Article and Video Presentation About our Sacred Altar in Our St. Louis Review Newspaper

Our sincere thanks goes to Jennifer Brinker, reporter, and Lisa Johnston, photographer, for the excellent front page coverage and story that appeared in last week's edition of our St. Louis Review. What an excellent job they did on covering the special mass of having **Fr. Jason Schumer** celebrating mass at the altar that was built by the hands of his father, **Bob Schumer**, of Joseph's Shop in Perryville.

If you go to the St. Louis Review's web site and click on the article you will also find an excellent multimedia presentation entitled "A Father's Sacrifice" that contains numerous awesome photos of our sacred space.

Thank You to Our St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers



This past Monday, September 27th, our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers gathered as our universal Church celebrated the 350th anniversary of the birth of **St. Vincent de Paul**.

It was such a joy for me to celebrate St. Vincent's feast day with a special luncheon to honor our volunteers who generously give of their time each week at our parish's St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. For the past seven years, our parish has been truly blessed by the leadership, dedication and warm compassion of **Kathy Neiner** in leading and directing the efforts of our own St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. She exemplified the true spirit of St. Vincent de Paul in her constant daily operation of our pantry.

It was a joy to host this special luncheon to honor Kathy and our volunteers and to express our gratitude for all that they do in our name for the poor and needy of our community. We also warmly welcomed **Debbie Firehammer** who has graciously taken the leadership role of the ministry of our pantry.

Our special thanks to those pictured above. First row left to right: Helen Mell, Mary Ann Burns, Kathy Neiner (past director), Debbie Firehammer (new director), Charmaine and Floyd McFarland. Second Row left to right: Ginger Baechle, Jo Ann Friedman, Marilyn Currington, Geneva Jokerst, Sandi Kracke, Kathy Green, Donna Black, Jana Dore', June Steneck, Thelma Chamber, Shellie Van Ness. Volunteers not pictured are Kathy Moorman, Bob Lowery, and Paula Karl.

National Life Chain TODAY

The National Life Chain takes place today between 2:30 and 3:30 pm on Karsch Blvd. A prayer service will take place in front of St. Joseph's at 2:15 pm.

How would you like to have the opportunity to have the very first gourmet dinner in our newly renovated rectory?

Would you like to have this opportunity? Father Dyer and I would love to host a dinner for six in our newly renovated rectory just for you. . . this extraordinary opportunity will go to the first person to donate an item of over \$5,000 value to our dinner auction. An exceptional opportunity to experience some of the finest cuisine of our parish!!! The winner of this awesome dinner will be recognized the night of the dinner auction and will even have their picture on the front cover of our weekly bulletin. ☺

We Need Your Help to Gather Dinner Auction Donations...

Our fifth annual dinner auction is less than 3 weeks away!!! We really need your help to gather items for our dinner auction! Please check with your family, your employer, and your friends to donate an item to our dinner auction! All items can be brought to the parish office! All funds from this annual event go directly to our school's budget.

The dinner auction has been truly the reason that we have not raised our tuition for the past five years! Please parishioners, parents, leaders - we need you to help make this year's dinner auction one of the best ever! Our efforts will help us to make certain that our school is a viable and self supporting school and continue the mission of bringing a true Catholic formation to our children... our future Church! Hope to see you there!!!

An Ole' Fashioned Parish Chicken Fry on October 17th to Benefit Our Washington D.C. Pilgrims

The 57 parishioners that will be participating in our parish's sixth annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C. will be hosting an **"All You Can Eat"** chicken fry on **Sunday, October 17th** in our gym. Those who have eaten at our Parish Picnic know that we have some of the best fried chicken in St. Francois county!!! All proceeds from this dinner will go to the pilgrims attending the annual March for Life pilgrimage to our Nation's capitol. Tickets for the Chicken Fry are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12 and children under 5 are FREE.

Our Pro-Life Billboards Speak Volumes to Thousands Each Week...

Each week while traveling north on highway 67, just past Sam Scism Ford, one can see a billboard that proclaims our dedication to our core belief that all individuals have the Right to Life! **Our Respect Life Committee** designs and commissions these billboards throughout the year! One of the neatest features about our billboards is that the photos are of children that have connections with our parish. They are the children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of our parishioners.

Each year on Respect Life Sunday we have a collection solely for the billboards. **TODAY after all masses, members of the Respect Life Committee will be outside of church to take donations.** The Respect Life Committee extends a tremendous **thank you** to all of the parishioners who have been so generous in supporting the billboards in the past. It is our hope to keep the billboards on-going as a sign of our Parish's commitment to the sanctity of life.

Our Pastoral Council Goals For This Year. . .

After five years of having Leadership days, we have accomplished some awesome things for our parish. At our pastoral council meeting this past Monday night, we agreed that we do not have to have another leadership day to set new goals. Instead, this year we would like to focus our energy on some areas of previous goals that need strengthening... 1) Our Parish Picnic - how to continue to have our Pastoral Council take stronger leadership roles as organizers of the event, 2) Help to continue to build our Dinner Auction into a community event that is supported by the entire Farmington community... 3) To focus on the spiritual life of the parish, school, PSR and our liturgy. To be a parish of vision is vital to assure the future for our next generation.

Thus everyone has a free day on Saturday, October 9th!!!! Special thanks to **Brian Stamm** for his leadership of our pastoral Council and **Mike Gomas** our new Pastoral Council vice president.

"Always remember that as long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place...of that I am confident"!!!!

Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey

Our Pastoral Team

Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy..... Pastor
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Rev. James W. Dyer..... Associate Pastor
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Deacon Albin Gegg Permanent Deacon

Susie Rohrer Principal
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Mike Ward Maintenance Supervisor

Brian Stamm Pastoral Council

Chuck Hayden Financial Commission

Ed Brown..... Cemetery Association
phone: 573-756-5369

Parish Business Office Hours

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

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday 7:00 am
Friday (All School Mass August - May) 8:05 am
Sunday Observance

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am
Holy Days of Obligation 7:00 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am, or by appointment

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

For assistance call 756-0997

This Week in Our Parish

Mon	10/04	Respect Life Week
Tues	10/05	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm • Cafeteria
Wed	10/06	Women of Mary Meeting 1:00 pm • Parish Center PSR Classes 6:00 pm • School Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm • Parish Center Parish Rosary 7:15 pm • Church NO Timeline Bible Study this week
Thurs	10/07	Yesterday's Kids Trip to Arcola bus leaves at 7:30 am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 am - 5:20 pm • Church Boy Scout Committee Meeting 6:00 pm • Cafeteria
Sun	10/10	K of C All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Cafeteria after 7:30 & 9:00 masses RCIA 9:00 am • Parish Center



Happy Birthday



October 3rd

Rilee Allen
Laura Danielely
Mary Hafner
Kassandra Ramos

October 4th

Maria Lara
Edward Schuch

October 5th

Jessica Arnold
Magan Bryant
Judy Colligan
Robert Dziewa

October 5th

Becky Freeman
Jenna Ragsdale
Julie Resinger

October 6th

Ruby Cassidy
Shirley Gray
Jennifer Hoelscher

October 7th

Theresa Kellogg

October 8th

Celeste Blum
Joshua Ellis

October 8th cont.

Helen Gremminger
Laura Leachman
Katie Rapp

October 9th

Leah Burcham
Ken Byington
Kim Combs
Andy Fox

Cyndy Gladbach
Clinton Heberlie
Andy Lombeida
Gary Ross
William Wulfers



Happy Anniversary



October 3rd, 1975

Gary & Mary Gunter

October 3rd, 1998

Ron & Nancy Miesner

October 3rd, 1998

Rusty & Jane Ramos

October 5, 2005

Jay & Shelly Ellis

October 7th, 1991

Mike & Nancy Boyd

October 7th, 1972

Jim & Connie Thebeau

October 9th, 2004

William & Mary Jane Wulfers



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of October 4th - 10th, 2010

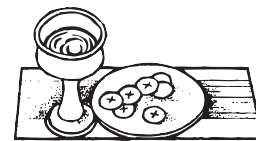
- Monday: St. Francis of Assisi**
Readings: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2,7-9,10c
Lk 10:25-37
7:00 am: **Communion Service**
- Tuesday: Weekday**
Readings: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3,13-15
Lk 10:38-42
7:00 am: **Jim Baechle**
- Wednesday: Weekday**
Readings: Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Ps 117:1bc,2 Lk 11:1-4
7:00 am: **Craig Schnurbusch**
- Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary**
Readings: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
7:00 am: **Harold Rustemeyer**
- Friday: Weekday**
Readings: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
7:00 am: **Bob & Jo Boyd**
8:05 am: **Joe & Mary Shields**
- Sunday: The Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Readings: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:11-19
5:00 pm **William Wulfers**
- Sunday:**
7:30 am: **Mary Govreau**
9:00 am: **Brian Heberlie**
10:30 am: **Parishioners**

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, October 9th

5:00 pm Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Lector: Terry Guiley
Extraordinary Ministers:
Jerry & Dotty Bach, Tom Karl,
James Cissell, Rosetta Halter
Ushers: John Denkler, Mark Kellogg,
Richard Reney, Dennis Rogers
Servers: M. Francis, C. Francis, M. Pfeifer

Sunday, October 10th

7:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy
Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg
Lector: Dottie Reeves
Extraordinary Ministers:
Melissa Mitchell, Steve Forsythe,
Chuck & Rose Hayden
Ushers: Dale Jones, Charles Koppeis,
Jack Neiner, Chester Ott
Servers: H. Downs, K. Weidenbenner

9:00 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: George Kracke
Extraordinary Ministers:
Sandi Kracke, Mitch & Dawn Fuemmeler,
Vanessa Trokey, Charlotte VanderBol
Ushers: John England, Bill Kure,
Jerry Morris, Dale Springs
Servers: L. Trokey, G. Trokey, S. Trokey

10:30 am Mass

- Priest:** Fr. James Dyer
Lector: Gary Berblinger
Extraordinary Ministers:
William & Isa Sippo, Theresa Aubuchon,
Jim & Jill Robert
Ushers: Roy Henson, Chuck Koppeis,
Tom Lutsch, Jim Robert
Servers: C. Vargo, K. Ramos, E. Greif

Monday, October 4th, 2010

Sacristans

Theresa AuBuchon, Geneva Jokerst,
Sue Brown, Barb Doss

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:
Barb Doss, Jeannie Gegg, Joni Jones,
Helen Mell, Mary Strohmeier

The Mysteries this week are: **Luminous**

Our petition for this week will be:

“Lord, give us your love and strength that we may carry our daily cross.”

May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of



Bernice Whitworth

mother of George (Jackie) Whitworth

Mary Jane Brewer

long-time parishioner

Waltraud Paulina “Trudy” Carter

mother of John (Mary) Carter

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We welcome into our faith community through Baptism. . .



Caleb Joseph Perrone

son of Jeremy and Wendee Perrone

“May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.”

Psalm 91:11

Your Gifts to God and Parish

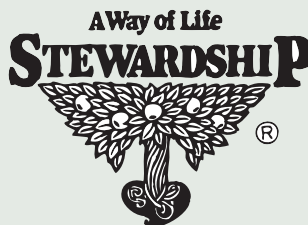
Sunday, September 26th, 2010

Adult Envelopes	\$7823.00
Loose	\$477.20
Children’s Envelopes	<u>\$6.05</u>
	\$8,306.25

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$8,306.25	\$130,206.31
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$141,050.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$(2,543.75)	\$(10,843.69)

Maintenance & Repair	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$290.00
Sr. Youth Ministry	\$22.50
Jr. Youth Ministry	<u>\$22.50</u>
Total for Specials	\$355.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”
2 Timothy 1:7

A good steward cannot be a coward. It takes strength, love and self-control to put God first in our lives. St. Paul assures us that we have been given the courage we need to do God’s work.

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

Please pray for: Joe Burgess, Jerry Ratcliff, Diane Hoehn, **Ron LaPlant**, Mary Alewine, Sarah Cassidy, Angela Anderson, William Wulfers, Donna Ziegler, Patrick Wessel, **Charlotte Morris**, Rollie Cahalane, Ken Henson, **Helen Thurman**, Charles Southard, Lil Vogelpohl, Carol Charboneau, **Linda Bordewick**, Betty Detring, Peggy Campbell, Anna Wampler, Belken Baby, Jean Bach, Mike Masterson, Linda Judnt, **Celeste Blum**, Maxwell Herr, **Joe Smith**, **Charlotte Morris**, Monica Thomas, Harley Green, Raymond Guenther, **Mary Lodholz**, Nathaniel Strohmeier, Larry Flanagan, Peter Esson, **Kathy Crouch**, Janet Dunlap, Kathy Krechnyak, Rhonda LaPierre, Amy Gallow, Meg Conklin, June McCord, **Norma "Mutzie" Greif**.

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

Taking Care of Business

When we were kids, my brothers and sisters and I thought that you were not supposed to say the blessing before meals in a restaurant. You were not supposed to flaunt your faith in public. It probably had more to do with fear of being embarrassed if non-believers saw us praying. I think of that when I hear St. Paul telling Timothy, "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Tim 1:7) All three readings mention the difficulties that people of faith will encounter. And each reading has its own way of facing those hardships.

Jesus gives the practical advice: Look at the difficulties of being a disciple as just part of your job. No servant expects to be praised by his master for doing his job. So if the Lord says I must forgive those who hurt me, or be patient with customers, or share what I have with the poor—No problem, it's part of the job of a disciple. If someone I know is in pain, I'm there to support them. Too tired to go to church after work on a holy day? Just taking care of business.

So how do we get the strength and self-control to roll with the punches? Paul reminds us in the second reading to stir the gifts of the Spirit into flame. If you take time to pray every day, if you look for God in other people, if you see difficulties as your share of the cross—you'll find those gifts of faith, power, love, and self-control begin to grow stronger inside.

We can trust that this is more than just wishful thinking by going to the first reading. When the prophet cries out for help with the misery and violence in the world, he hears God's promise that the vision (of hope for deliverance) will be fulfilled even if it seems to be delayed. We too hear that promise when we start to get discouraged, for God's promise "will not disappoint." (Hab 2:3)

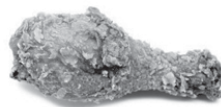
(from "The Word in our Lives")



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

October 7th & 8th

Yesterday's Kids Trip to Arcola, IL



Sunday, October 17th

Chicken Fry hosted by the 2011 March for Life Pilgrims

Saturday, October 23rd

Annual Dinner Auction



Sunday, October 24th

Our Father's Table

Wednesday, November 3rd

Anointing of the Sick Mass for all Parishioners at 10:00 am

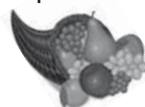


Saturday, November 13th

HASA Christmas Craft Bazaar

Saturday, November 20th

Help the Hungry Bake Sale



Thursday, November 25th

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am

NOTE: there will be no **Timeline Bible Study** this Wednesday the 6th due to the Knights of Columbus meeting. The study will resume next Wednesday, October 13th.

Dine Out for the United Way of St. Francois County

Starting September 23rd and running through November 18th are "Dine Out Days for the United Way"

The following restaurants will be donating 10% of their sales to help support our local United Way.

Please show your support by patronizing these great restaurants during the dates shown below!

Thursday, October 7th

Pasta House of Farmington

Home & School Association

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

Upcoming Events

Respect Life Week: October 3-8

Sunday, October 3 - Respect Life Chain. Meet at Church at 2:15 for a short prayer and move to Karsch to do the Respect Life Chain. *Those students who participate will get an out of uniform pass.

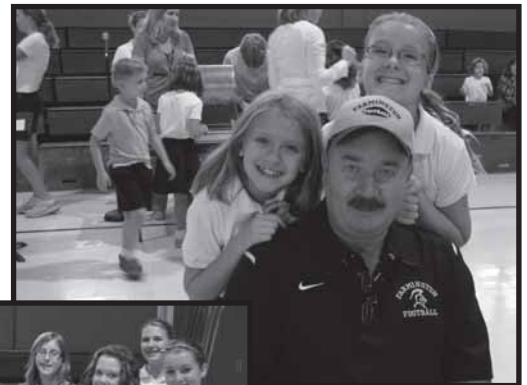
Monday, October 4 - Pennies for Pro Life. Each class will receive a container to collect change (any denomination). At the end of the week, the class with the highest amount earns an ice cream party. (All money will go to the Parkland PRC)

Tuesday, October 5 - Join Hands for Life. Trace hands on construction paper- cut out and place in the hallway.

Wednesday, October 6 - Be a Lifesaver, Choose Life. Each student receives a lifesaver with the saying on it.

Thursday, October 7 - Thank You for Life. Draw a heart and cut out. Then draw a picture of their family and give it to their parents.

Friday, October 8 - Pro-Life Mass - God's Team says Life is Good. All students will get a popsicle in the afternoon for being on God's Team (except for the class that has the highest amount in the container, they will get the ice cream party). We will also honor our Respect Life Committee at the mass for all their dedication to this cause!



We love our Grandparents!



Everyone had a wonderful time during the Grandparents Day activities on Friday, October 24th.



Order your St. Joseph School SJ logo'd apparel!! Contact Heather Meyer at 760-9831 or email her at mothermeyer2@yahoo.com for more information. If you have ordered items recently and have yet to pick them up please give Heather a call.

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

Stephanie (Paul) Boshoff

Mandy (Jake) Whitener

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

Deacons: Caring for You... Since A.D. 33

*Please Support This Weekend's
Deacon Formation Collection*

Did you know that the first Christian martyr, St. Stephen, ordained at the hands of the Apostles as one of the first seven deacons, lived and died proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ? In the last four decades, hundreds of men have proclaimed the same Gospel with their own lives, lives of loving service that have in turn changed countless other lives for the better. Called by Christ to minister to the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Deacons are preaching God's Word to us, praying fervently for us, and caring compassionately for us each and every day. And each year, many men discern that same call and begin the process of formation that, God willing, leads to ordination as Deacons. Can you help support these men as they discern God's will in their lives? Deacon formation in the Archdiocese relies heavily on the support of this year's annual Deacon Formation Collection, **held this weekend in our Parish**. Please be as generous as possible. God bless you for your support!



Starting to think about Christmas gifts?

How about giving a family portrait to those you love. . .we will soon be having sign up for family portraits for our upcoming photo directory. Times will be scheduled for the week of **October 26th - 30th** for your family to come in and have your portraits taken. You will receive any portraits ordered in plenty of time to give as Christmas presents! Please see the bulletin and our web site next week for more information.



Happenings at Other Parishes

**Immaculate Conception in Park Hills Annual
Chicken & Dumplin' Dinner and Bazaar**
Sunday, October 3rd from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fresh Baked Goods • Quilts • Hand-crafted Items

**St. Philip & James Parish, River Aux Vases
in Ste. Genevieve**
Sunday, October 3rd from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fried Chicken and Ham dinners
Country Store • Raffles • Children's Games

"Good Deeds" from Our Children's Envelopes

Helping with yard work • Joe
Cleaning off the porch • Jamie

Advertiser of the Week

This week we would like to thank
Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.
for sponsoring our bulletin. Without our sponsors,
we would have to assume the cost of publication.
Please patronize our Advertisers!

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Please join us for
an evening of
tropical fun at
St. Joseph's

Island Party

5th Annual Dinner Auction

Saturday, October 23rd, 2010

Doors open at 5:00 pm • Dinner Served at 7:00 pm

Full Bar • Refreshments • Wine Bar

FREE baby sitting available



Hundreds of items up for bid in silent auction plus an oral auction.

Tickets are only \$25 per person and
are on sale now in the parish office!

Keep an eye out here to get a sneak peek at donated items that will be up for bid in the **5th Annual St. Joseph's Dinner Auction on Saturday, October 23rd.**

Featured Item up for Bid



Charles Peterson Print

This wonderful print by one of the leading artists in the limited edition print industry **Charles Peterson** is known as a "Ghost print" and is titled "Wood Sorrell and Mud Bay". This limited edition signed and numbered (number 64/2500) print is 9x12 and would be a great addition to any home.

Donated by Keith and Karen Hutson, Estimated value \$625.00



Dinner Auction Donation Ideas

Basket or Single Item Ideas

BBQ: sauces, pans, utensils, cook books

Baby: blankets, clothing, diapers, toys, picture frames

Bath/Spa: lotions, soaps, music cds, candles, body wash

Beauty: manicure/pedicure products, nail polish, hair products

Car: bucket, wash, wax, shammy, fluids, air fresheners

Coffee Lovers: coffee maker/pot, flavored coffees, mugs, creamers

Cooking: recipe books, bowls, spoons, spatulas, apron, bake ware

Exercise: towels, videos, water bottle, weights, yoga mat

Fishing: lures, rod/reel, net, tackle box, hooks, scale, maps

Collectors/Handcrafted Items

antiques, sports memorabilia (autographed items), quilts, paintings, jewelry

Electronics

TVs, DVD/Blue Ray players, computers, digital cameras, printers, fire pits

"For the Man"

four wheeler, lawn mower, bar-b-que, power washers, power tools, leaf blower, small (garage sized) fridge full of beer

Get-A-Way Trips

hotel stays in St. Louis, Branson, etc. Tickets/passes for sports games, museums, restaurant gift certificates. Hunting cabin with meat processing. Fishing weekend with boat rental. Family float trip with canoe rental, coolers, drinks, etc.

Please bring all donations to the parish office. If you have any questions or would like to have an item picked up please call Sandy at 756-4250.

Growing in FAITH™



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

October 2010

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Fr. Rickey J. Valleroy

One Minute Meditations

A gratitude attitude

Make a list of all the good things God has given you or done for you. Carry it in your purse or wallet so that you can refer to it often. When worried or discouraged, pull out your list and remember that God has provided for you in the past and promises to always take care of you.

Trust makes sense

Because he's perfect, God can't err. If we let him, God will work in our lives with results that are far better than we could produce on our own. Trust in God brings a sense of personal well-being, security, and peace.

Powerful Body

Catholics are never alone. We are members of the Church, the body of Christ. Together with Christ we can make a tremendous difference. *"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* (Matthew 18:20).



Wanted: A second chance

Sometimes we yearn for one more chance, the opportunity to take what we have learned from our mistakes and try again. The good news is that while the world may or may not give second chances, God always does. In fact, he gives us as many as we need to get it right. All he asks is that we have a sincere desire to change. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can help.

Be prepared. Examine your conscience and think about what is troubling you. What would you like God's help to change?

Fear not. Facing our sins is humbling, and confessing them to someone else can be uncomfortable.

Yet that's the first step to a fresh start. Don't forget that the priest is acting in the person of Christ and can promise

you God's forgiveness and compassion.

Take the plunge. Most parishes offer Confession regularly, and many also offer the chance to make appointments with a priest. Find an arrangement that works for you.

Find the Spirit.

Celebration of a sacrament begins with the Sign of the Cross to remind us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are there with us.

Make the most of your second chance. *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light"* (Ephesians 5:8).



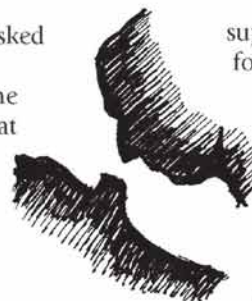
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics say formula prayers such as the "Our Father"?

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he taught them the Our Father, a prayer that included different aspects of a healthy conversation with God, including praise, petition, thanksgiving, and

supplication. The Catholic Church follows his example by suggesting other prayers that express our faith, hope, love, and contrition.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls prayer "the raising of one's mind and heart to God" (CCC 2559). The form doesn't matter as much as the desire for God it expresses.



Welcome new parishioners with warmth

As children of God, we know that his home is our home, too. When we come for Mass or prayer time, he welcomes us with joy. So when someone new comes to our church or parish, he wants us to share that welcome with all his children.

Share the space. Start by sitting in the middle of the pew to make seating more welcoming for those coming in after you. Or, look for someone sitting alone and take the seat beside her.

Make an impression. A cheerful smile



and a quick "hello" can make an unfamiliar parish seem more friendly. After Mass is over, introduce yourself and offer to answer any questions the newcomer may have.

Build connections. If your church offers a social time after Mass, vow to introduce yourself to someone new each week.

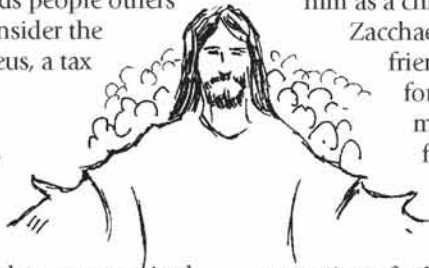
Show love. Mass is a community celebration. Join in singing the hymns and enthusiastically offer a Sign of Peace. Being a joyful child of God is a great witness to the welcome of your parish.

from **Scripture**

Luke 19:1-10. Jesus is the friend we want to be.

Jesus didn't evaluate people the way others did. Instead of gravitating to the best of society, Jesus included in his inner circle of friends people others often excluded. Consider the example of Zacchaeus, a tax collector.

As the chief tax collector in Jericho, Zacchaeus was not a popular man. He probably took more in taxes than was required and became wealthy from dishonest practices. Imagine the crowd's reaction when Jesus spotted Zacchaeus in a tree the man had climbed for a better view and invited himself to dinner at the tax



collector's home. Jesus wasn't dissuaded by the fact that Zacchaeus was unpopular and dishonest but saw him as a child of God. In return, Zacchaeus' eagerness for Jesus' friendship changed his life forever. He was inspired to make generous amends for his past sins.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be open, forgiving, and accepting of other people. It is important to look beyond the gossip and public perception. Try to adopt Jesus' habit of being quick to forgive and welcoming in your relationships with others.

Q & A Is Halloween a pagan festival?

Origins of the modern holiday can be traced to the pre-Christian celebrations. For example, the Celtic festival of Samhain or Lord of the Dead, was celebrated before the Celtic new year on Nov. 1. People wore masks and lit bonfires to repel evil souls.



In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of martyrs (later All Saints Day) from May 13 to Nov. 1. The night before became known as All Hallows Eve ("holy evening"), and later Halloween. (Nov. 2 became All Souls Day.)

Many modern Halloween traditions have ancient roots. Trick-or-treating began hundreds of years ago in Ireland when farmers went door-to-door collecting food and goods for an autumn village feast and bonfire. Contributors were promised prosperity; the others received threats of bad luck. Irish Catholics who immigrated in the 1800s brought this practice with them.

However, when combined with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, Halloween can be a good time to celebrate believers who have gone to Heaven before us and our hope of joining them.

Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 1 – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1897). At fifteen years old, Thérèse Martin needed special permission to join her older sisters at a Carmelite convent. There, she offered her life in "little ways of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, tells how we can all become saints by doing ordinary acts with love.

Oct. 19 – Saint John de Brébeuf and Saint Isaac Jogues and their companions (1652). Six Jesuits and two laymen were unwelcome missionaries to Native North American tribes and suffered

harassment and torture. St. John de Brébeuf won the Iroquois' respect with his courageous death. St. Isaac Jogues escaped but was murdered when he returned to his ministry.

Oct. 28 – Saint Simon and Saint Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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*All of Our Faithful
Eucharistic Adorers
are invited to an
Appreciation Dinner*

October 28th, 2010

*prayer service at 5:30 pm
dinner at 6:00 pm*



On the 12th Anniversary of our Eucharistic Adoration we are having a dinner to say thank you to all who take the time every week to come visit Jesus and also for anyone who would like to find out more about Eucharistic Adoration.

Please RSVP by October 21st to Rita Boyd
at 756-2383 or email ctboyd@sbcglobal.net

*The Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center
will be sponsoring its fifth annual*

“Walk for Life Walk-a-thon” Saturday, October 16th

We are looking for volunteers to walk on **Saturday, October 16**. Starting time will be 9:00 am at their new location in Park Hills and we will walk approximately 2 miles through Columbia Park and back to the Center. We will have a police escort from the PRC to the park and the park has a paved walking path, so all ages will be able to participate. If you are unable to walk at that time, you can walk at your convenience any time before October 16th.

Brochures are available on the table in back of church if you would like to participate. If you cannot walk but would like to be a sponsor and make a donation, please call **Pat Boatright at 756-4169** or **Dotty Bach at 756-1357** for more information.

“A Family For Life” 34th Annual Respect Life Apostolate Convention

Dr. Thomas Hilgers, founder and director of the Pope Paul VI Institute will be the keynote speaker at the 34th Annual Respect Life Apostolate Convention at the St. Charles Convention Center on **Sunday, October 24, 2010**. There are many workshops throughout the day and they are free of charge. Tickets for the luncheon and keynote speaker are \$35 per person before October 10th, and \$40 after October 10th. Healthy, happy and holy families are the foundation of a Culture of Life. Come and see how you can have a Family for Life. To make reservations, please contact the Respect Life Apostolate at 314-792-7555 or prolife@archstl.org.