

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Farmington, Missouri

Join us for the K of C
Blood Drive **TODAY** in
the gym from 7 am
12:30 pm. All donors
receive a FREE breakfast!



Join us for the K of C
Breakfast **TODAY**
in the cafeteria
following the
7:30 & 9:00 Masses

October 9th, 2011

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Join Us
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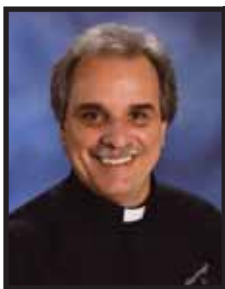
Winter

Wonderland

at the St. Joseph Parish
6th Annual Dinner Auction

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

See details inside to purchase your tickets!



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Thank You for
Your Tremendous
Support of our Annual
Fall Chicken Fry
for our Washington D.C. pilgrims**

A great big thank you to each and every one of our pilgrims for their spirit of joy and Christ-like servant spirit at our Chicken Fry last weekend. Our chicken fry was a tremendous success financially but far more importantly, it was a success by being a community event where parishioners came together feeling a part of a parish family. Events such as our chicken fry are an awesome evangelization tool!!! The spirit of joy was contagious!!!

Our thanks to all who attended our Chicken Fry last weekend and supported the efforts of our 56 parishioners who will be attending our parish's 7th annual March for Life pilgrimage to our Nation's capitol! We served a total of **678** meals! Thanks to the chicken fry they were able to raise **\$4,786.00** towards the cost of the trip. This amount is equally divided and deducted off the cost of the trip of the 56 pilgrims.

Congratulations to **Greg Barenbrugge** who won the 50/50 drawing of \$161.50 and to **Craig Brown** who won the beautiful quilt made and thoughtfully donated by **Sandi Brooks**. The winner of the Miche purse basket raffle was **Debbie Douglas**. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this most worthy endeavor for the pilgrimage!



Tootsie Roll Drive TODAY

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll drive throughout the Farmington community for developmentally disabled people this weekend. Our Knights will be outside church after all masses today. Please support our Knights in this most worthy cause.

Spanish Mass TODAY at 3:00 pm with Rosary at 2:15 pm

Our Hispanic community will gather today for a Spanish Mass today at 3:00 pm with **Fr. Ted Pieper** as our celebrant. All parishioners are invited.

Our Annual Dinner Auction Helps Us To Be a Vibrant Faith Community

Our sixth annual dinner auction is less than 2 weeks away and we really need your help to gather items for this very special evening! Please check with your family, your employer, or your friends to donate an item to our dinner auction! All items can be brought to the parish office and/or Sandy's office.

The dinner auction has been a tremendous asset to our parish budget and helps in numerous ways to continue being the vibrant parish we are. This auction benefits every aspect of our parish, just as the parish picnic does.

Tickets/reservations are available in the parish office. Hope to see you there at this annual parish community event!!!

A Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick for our Sick, Elderly, and Homebound

On **Wednesday, November 2nd** at 10:00 am we will have our annual Anointing of the Sick Mass and will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to all parishioners who are in need of healing.

A quote from the General Introduction to the ritual itself, Pastoral Care of the Sick, explains more: "Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage. From Christ's words they know that sickness has meaning and value for their own salvation and the salvation of the world. They also know that Christ, who during his life often visited and healed the sick, loves them in their illness" It is Christ who bestows the Anointing upon them.

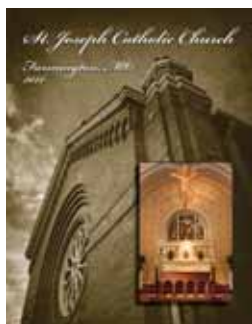
Our 8th grade students will be invited to serve as hospitality ministers and will also help to host the luncheon chaired by our Women of Mary that will follow in our Parish Center. Our thanks to **Agnes Hinkebein, RN**, our Parish Health Minister who will be organizing the events of the morning and coordinating rides and assistance to those attending. Please see the invitation on page 8 in today's bulletin.

Thank You for Your Awesome Support of our Pro-Life Billboards Collection

Thanks to your generosity from the collection after all the masses last weekend our **Respect Life Committee** raised a total of **\$2,165.00**. This along with the profit of **\$739.14** from our recent Schwan's fundraiser, and other contributions will make it possible to have our billboard displayed again year round. Thank you so much for your support and sacrificial gifts!

Each week while traveling on highway 67, just past Sam Scism Ford, one can see the 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 things 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.

Our Parish Photo Directories are in!
Our thanks to **Sandy Doty** for the beautiful and creative layout and design.



Finally! Our photo directories arrived this past week. **For all parishioners who had their picture taken by the LifeTouch photographer your directory is free.** For those who submitted a photo for the directory the cost is \$10.00, since we were charged for the photo submissions. The directories are available for pick up in the parish office.

New Changes for Mass to Begin on the First Sunday of Advent

Be sure to be on the look out for the arrival of a new booklet containing the new mass changes. Our parish will be providing booklets that thoroughly explain the new changes and why they are taking place. These will be mailed soon only to all registered and contributing parishioners to help prepare ourselves for the changes that will take place the first Sunday of Advent.

Congratulations to those from our Parish who will have the Honor of Laying a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

At our planning meeting for our recent Chicken Fry to raise funds for our 6th Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Washington D.C., we drew the names of the four parishioners that will represent our parish by having the distinct honor of laying a wreath at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** at Arlington National cemetery. The four names randomly drawn from all of the participant's names for this awe-inspiring honor were **Mark Halter, Dave Sansegraw, Kevin Roney, and Walt Douglas.**

A Special Heartfelt Thank You to Our Women of Mary for the Many Desserts for Our Chicken Fry

Our sincere thanks to all the **Women of Mary** who made desserts for our chicken fry. We are so blessed to have such awesome bakers in our parish. Each of our pilgrims to Washington D.C. extend a very special thank you to each of you.

Our Listing of Birthdays and Anniversary's... You must be a registered member of St. Joseph's Parish.

Each week we list the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of our registered and active members. This is one of the neat gifts of being in a smaller parish, to know or to recognize most of the names each week. **Just a reminder that when one reaches the age of their 21st of year of life, they should register in a parish as an adult.** Thus, adults who have reached the age of 21 will need to register as a member of the parish before their name is listed in our birthday announcements each week.

and Finally...

Our Eucharistic Adoration Adorers Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at 5:30 pm.

"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

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Chuck Hayden Financial Commission

Ed Brown Cemetery Association

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10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

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

Mass Schedule

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 pm, Sundays 7 am, or by appointment

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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



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| <u>October 9th, 2004</u>
Adam & Stephany Reissing | <u>October 13th, 2001</u>
Jim & Cynthia Pikey |
| <u>October 10th, 1973</u>
John & Kathy Crouch | <u>October 14th, 2006</u>
Chad & Danielle Carron |
| <u>October 11th, 1980</u>
Jim & Louelle McNeill | <u>October 14th, 1977</u>
Mike & Cyndy Gladbach |
| <u>October 11th, 1975</u>
Ken & Rose O'Neal | <u>October 14th, 1995</u>
Jeff & Rachael Layton |
| <u>October 12th, 1968</u>
Joel & Karen Hommelson | <u>October 15th, 1977</u>
George & Barbara Boyd |
| <u>October 13th, 1972</u>
Paul & Vicki Amsden | <u>October 15th, 1966</u>
Bob & Norma Oder |
| <u>October 13th, 1979</u>
Rob & Connie Grindel | |



Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of October 10th - 16th, 2011

Monday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 11:29-32

7:00 am: **Everett Dee Akers**

Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41

7:00 am: **Frieda Brown**

Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9 Lk 11:42-46

7:00 am: **Mary B. Herold**

Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

7:00 am: **Anna Blankenship**

Friday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 Lk 12:1-7

7:00 am: **Jerry Wengler**

8:05 am: **Kathryn Otto**

Sunday: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 45:1,4-6 Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10
1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

5:00 pm **Alban LeGrand**

Sunday:

7:30 am: **Mary A. Govreau**

9:00 am: **Parishioners**

10:30 am: **Dick & Doris Young and Family**

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



Happy Birthday



October 9th

Leah Burcham
Ken Byington
Kim Combs

Cyndy Gladbach
Clinton Heberlie
Andy Lombeida
Gary Ross
Gage Whitener

October 10th

Marita Akers
Brandon Coffman
Tristan Fischbeck
Tom Villmer

October 11th

Bill Cassity
Emma Cummings

October 12th
Jennifer Hall
Johnnie Hance
Joey Hermann
Keith Hutson
Lois Whelehon

October 13th

Anna Burcham
James Gerwitz
Tara Grayson
Greg Rudroff
Ed Weidenbenner

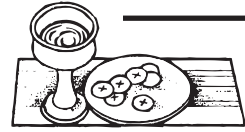
October 14th

Liliana Borrego
Brenda Donze
Robert Dowd

October 15th

Sherry Huitt

Ministers of the Liturgy



Saturday, October 15th

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: John Crouch

Extraordinary Ministers:

Donna Conklin, Rick Conklin,
Rosetta Halter, Tom Karl, Jim Willis

Ushers: Buddy Bordewick, John Denkler,

Dennis Rogers, Ralph Trepasso

Servers: D. Kelso, Z. Kelso, A. Willis

Sunday, October 16th

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. Rickey Valleroy

Lector: Vicky Damba

Extraordinary Ministers:

Dotty Bach, Jerry Bach, Steve Forsythe,
Dottie Reeves, Chris Westrich

Ushers: Ed Brown, Tom Donze,

Bob Govreau, Jack Neiner

Servers: E. Damba, L. Landreneau

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Lector: Brian McNamara

Extraordinary Ministers:

Adam Barnhouse, Melissa Mitchell, Doak
Holloway, Rob Grindel, Charlotte Vander Bol

Ushers: John England, George Kracke,

Bill Kure, Jerry Morris

Servers: E. Barnhouse, N. Haffner, E. Reidt

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. James Dyer

Deacon: Deacon Al Gegg

Lector: Gary Berblinger

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jana Dore', Jill Robert,
Austin Robert, Jim Robert

Ushers: Tom Freeman, Roy Henson,

Chuck Koppeis, Tom Lutsch

Servers: J. Burcham, M. Burcham, J. Mattingly

Monday, October 10th, 2011

Sacristans

Linda Gillespie, Karen Jones,
Jo Rustemeyer, Mary Strohmeier

Money Counters

Marilyn Currington, Kathy Miller,
Bob & Mary Lou Govreau, Dottie 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:
Mary Strohmeier, Phyllis Trolinger,
Jane Allen, Ginger Baechle, Sandi Brooks

The Mysteries this week are: **Glorious**

Our petition for this week will be:
"For our homebound parishioners that God's gifts of grace and healing be with them."

In Our Thoughts and Prayers. . .

We pray for the repose of the souls of



Frances Louise Seabaugh
mother of Shirley (John) Bieser
grandmother of Mark Bieser and Mandy Whitener

Lucille M. Strauser
mother of Ron Strauser

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



Wedding Banns

Bann III

Justin Burns & Michelle Bingham

October 15th, 2011



Knights of Columbus
Blood Drive • TODAY
7:00 am - 12:30 pm • Gym



ALL donors will receive a FREE breakfast from the Knights at the parish breakfast this morning!!!

Your Gifts to God and Parish

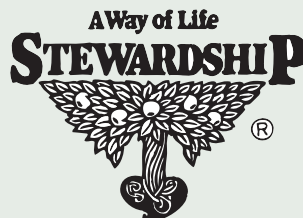
Sunday, October 2nd, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$12,136.20
Loose	\$273.07
Children's Envelopes	\$3.00
All Saints Day	<u>\$30.00</u>
	\$12,442.27

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$12,442.27	\$148,033.17
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$151,900.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$1,592.27	\$(3,866.83)

Partners in Education	\$413.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$152.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$331.00
Mission Sunday	\$20.00
Permanent Diaconate	<u>\$476.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,392.00

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

Philippians 4:19

The secret to being a good steward is to trust that God will supply us with all that we need. However, we have to let go of the expectation that we should also have all that we want. Good stewards must learn to live differently. We must turn away from materialism, want less, share more and learn to be grateful for God's many blessings.

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

Please pray for: **Mary Lou Govreau**, **Thelma Blake**, Becky Mabery, Walker Johns, Bee Todd, Jack Ashby, Sr., Josh McNamara, Pat Donatelli, Anthony Custodio, **Louise Brewer**, Amy Hammonds, Jane Wilder, Emma Schubert, Marcella Watson, Darrell Roegner, Larry Flanagan, John Panke, Courtnie Burns, Tom Boyer, Jill Lynn, **Max Bellamy**, Kathy Krechnyack, Pat Liedtke, Helen Roach, Bill Meyer, **Denise Jeske**, Fay Poncet, Barbara Ward, **Betty Krapf**, Terry Williams, Regina Silvey, Jeanette Wallach, Jackie Killion, Cynthia Stafford, Della Stanfill, Joan Fay, **Jean Scroggins**, Debi Russell, Kathy Hulst, **Michelle Gomas**, Rhonda LaPierre, **Paul Gremminger**, **Wilma Nations**, Don Kamp, **Frank & Jackie Erard**.

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

This Week in Our Parish

- Mon 10/10 **Charismatic Prayer Group**
7:00 pm • Church
- Tues 10/11 **Protecting God's Children Workshop**
6:00 pm • Parish Center
- School Board Meeting**
7:00 pm • School
- Liturgy Committee Meeting**
7:00 pm • School
- Wed 10/12 **First Reconciliation Meeting**
6:00 pm • Cafeteria
- PSR Classes**
6:00 pm • School
- Parish Rosary**
7:15 pm • Church
- Thurs 10/13 **Eucharistic Adoration**
8:00 am - 5:15 pm • Church
- Boy Scouts**
6:30 pm • Cafeteria
- Fri 10/14 **All School Mass**
8:05 am • Church

Pray for Our Priests

Friends of Priests is initiating a Prayer Campaign for all Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Consecrated Religious. This campaign will begin on Monday, October 17th, 2011, and end on Thursday, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

All parishioners are invited to sign a pledge to pray ten Hail Marys each day from October 17th to December 8th. These prayer pledges can be found in the back of church for you to sign.

The completed, returned pledges will be bound in book form and presented to the Archdiocese at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 10th, at the Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

Come to the Feast

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drinks, music and dancing, what's not to like? It appears that the king in Jesus' parable had the same questions. By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection, the disciples began to spread the good news, not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen. The Church began to grow, much faster than they expected.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Since they thought of themselves as holy, they were not interested in forgiveness. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

Jesus calls us today to come to the same feast. And there are still people who think they have no need for Jesus. So what about the man at the end of the parable, who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. So this man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church, arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness—with no intention to do anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it isn't. For the feast we come to is not a wedding to join husband and wife. It joins God to humanity. He sent his Son to unite us all to himself. Jesus calls us to come back to God by dying for our sins. So repentance is not just a change of clothing, it is a change of heart, a change in how we live. It is our ticket to the banquet; it is our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

(from "The Word in our Lives")

Notes from our Pastoral Health Care Minister Agnes Hinkebein, RN



We have all hear about arthritis but did you know that there are several types of arthritis? The two most common ones are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. There is a juvenile arthritis, septic arthritis, arthritis of the lungs plus many more.

Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis. It usually comes with age and often affects the fingers, knees and hips. Sometimes osteoarthritis follows an injury to a joint. For an example you might hurt yourself in a fall or car accident and then years after it has apparently healed you might develop arthritis in a joint.

Rheumatoid arthritis happens when the body's own defense system doesn't work properly. It affects joints and bone often of the hands and feet. But it can also affect internal organs and systems. You may feel sick or tired and you may run a fever.

Another common type of arthritis is **gout**; is caused by crystals building up in the joints. It usually affects the big toe, but many other joints may be affected.

How do you know you have arthritis? Pain is the body tells you that something is wrong. Most types of arthritis causes pain in the joints, you may have trouble moving around; along with pain you may have a fever, lose weight, have trouble breathing, get a rash or itch. But you must be careful these symptoms may also be signs of other illnesses.

What can you do? Go to the doctor, taking your daily health journal with you. Remember the journal we have talked about earlier; the one in which you write down about your pain and how it affects your daily activities. Talk to the doctor and give him specific examples of when and how you are feeling. The doctor may need to do some x-rays and draw a little blood to test to help the doctor decide what type of arthritis you have or if you have another problem.



You are invited to join us for an **Anointing of the Sick** **Mass & Luncheon**

St. Joseph Church
Wednesday, November 2nd
10:00 am with lunch following

Who can receive the Anointing of the Sick?

anyone who is advanced in years
anyone of any age who may have recently or is about to undergo surgery or therapy
anyone of any age who feel they may benefit from the graces of God's healing touch

Please RSVP by October 26th by calling Agnes at the parish office at 756-4250.

Countdown to the first Youth Group Meeting!!!

4 WEEKS AND COUNTING UNTIL NOVEMBER 6, 2011

It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching – St. Francis of Assisi



Live The Faith! Abe and Jami DuBuckon



The Little Saints Corner



The Little Saints are working hard to achieve their goal. . . Kindergarten! We have been practicing size, shape, space, and direction. Also, we have been learning to write and spell our names and other words that are commonly seen to help us begin writing sentences. St. Joseph is so blessed to have such wonderful and bright preschool students! We love our Little Saints!





Join us for an evening of cool fun at St. Joseph Parish's

Winter Wonderland

6th Annual Dinner Auction

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

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 only \$25 per person!!!!

Buy Your Tickets NOW!! Just return the bottom portion of this page with your payment in the collection basket, in the mail to the parish office, or stop by the parish office - we're open from 8 am until 4:30 pm.



Yes, I/We would like to attend the St. Joseph Dinner Auction on Saturday, October 22nd, 2011.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

_____ number of guests attending \$_____ amount enclosed (\$25 per person)

Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. Visa/Mastercard accepted at the parish office after Sept. 26th.



There are 8 seats available at each table. If you have a seating preference, please list who you would like to sit by:

Yes, I would like to take advantage of the FREE baby sitting services. My children's names and ages are:

Among the wonderful items you will find at the dinner auction are



Two Separate Florida Condo Stays!!

Both are 2 bedroom-2 bath Beach Front Accommodations

January 13th-16th, 2012
in Fort Walton Beach, FL

December 3rd-10th, 2011
in Panama City, FL

Attention Alumni: The VERY LAST Kindergarten library table and 2 chairs from St. Joseph School will be up for bid!

In Home Catering from The Branding Iron

**BRANDING
IRON BBQ**



iPod Touch



Numerous Savings Bonds

St. Louis Blues Tickets



Kindle 3G



Keurig Office Pro Single Cup and Accessories

**SAINT LOUIS
Symphony
ORCHESTRA**

Tickets to St. Louis Symphony



WORKX cordless hedge trimmer

Log onto stjosephfarmington.com to view more items that will be available at this year's dinner auction!!

Growing in FAITH™

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

October 2011

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Fr. Rickey J. Valleroy

One Minute Meditations

The "real presence" at Mass

Jesus is present in the Eucharist at Mass. He is present in the priest who offers the Mass. He is present in the readings, since he is the one who speaks to us through Scripture. And he is in the assembly, for *"where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them"* (Mt 18:20).

St. Paul counsels patience

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do" (Colossians 3:12-13).

Silence of the heart

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Out with the bad and in with the good

Bad habits rob us of the peace and joy God intends us to have both here on Earth and later in Heaven. The best way to get rid of a bad habit is to replace it with a good one. For example:

Materialism. The more we have, the more we want. Substitute self-indulgence with generosity. Consider your money and possessions as belonging to God. Use his money sparingly. Buy what you need but donate generously to the poor.

Worry. Refuse to worry and substitute trust in God. When you feel worried, repeat the prayer, "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you." He will reward your trust.

Desire for admiration. Try not to get

so close to other people that you fix your heart on their favor and approval. Human opinions aren't always based on truth, but God's always is. Study the Ten

Commandments and the Gospels to learn God's standards instead.

Missing Mass. Do you let life's busy pace sometimes interfere with attending Sunday Mass?

You may not immediately feel the resulting loss of grace but there are serious, long-term effects of deliberately neglecting our obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, cut back on other commitments so you never miss the chance to be with Jesus at Mass every weekend.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we need godparents?

In the Catholic Church, the role of "godparent" is more than an honorary title. While parents have the primary responsibility for teaching children about faith and morals, godparents assist in that task. If something happens to one or



both parents, the godparents then assume the parents' role. A godparent should be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and leads a life in harmony with the faith, serving as a spiritual role model for the new Catholic.

Growing in Faith™

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God's love never changes

It's only human to want to be loved. Unfortunately, even the best friend or lover will let us down once in a while. That can leave us lonely or searching for the wrong kind of love. Fortunately, God will never let us down. His love is the right kind of love to have.

His love never changes. Standards set by humans change over time. Something considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later, you have to



leave your friends or they leave you. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are. There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and he adores us anyway. If God likes you, others will, too. To please God we have to fill ourselves with love for him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around. Pass it on.

from **Scripture**

Matthew 23:1-12, How do I practice what I preach?

In this passage, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders. He pointed out how they accurately taught what Moses handed down from God but they failed to live God's laws themselves. They acted as if their roles as scribes and Pharisees made them above God's laws.

Jesus' message encourages us to study the teachings of our leaders in our governments and other positions of leadership, and follow them if they are right and good. However, we should realize that our leaders are human and can err.

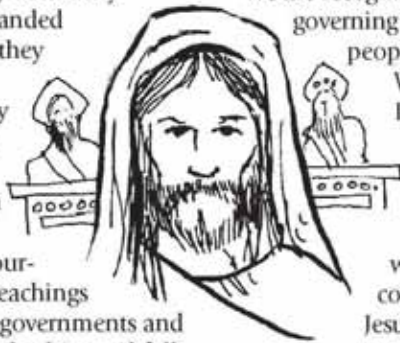
When we call our legislators,

"Senator," "Congressman," or "Governor," we are not elevating them. We are recognizing that they are governing in the name of the people who elected them.

What about ourselves? Do we exercise faithful leadership in our own lives? Do we live up to our own standards?

When we are dealing with our families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors, Jesus' message in this Gospel shows us how we can

practice what we preach. When we exalt ourselves, we move away from God. When we humble ourselves, God will exalt us in heaven.



Q & A

How can I develop more faith?

Faith is not a one-time event. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. As the father of a boy Jesus was about to cure cried out, "I do believe,

help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). We

have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.

The best

way to develop a strong faith is to pray. Remember that prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but we have to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the message from the passage is for you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).



Feasts & Celebrations

October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). Pope Pius V created this feast in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory who helped the Christians defeat the Ottoman Turks. Since it was believed that they won after praying the Rosary, the feast was renamed Our Lady of the Rosary by Pope Gregory XIII.

October 15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583). A lively, outgoing girl seems an unlikely foundress of a strict order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. Yet St. Teresa overcame her natural fondness

for society and founded more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch (1st century). Successor to St. Peter as the second bishop of Antioch, St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to bishops all over the world saying, "Wherever the bishop is, there let the people be, for there is the Catholic Church." He reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in one another.



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



Saturday, October 22nd
St. Joseph's 6th Annual Dinner Auction

Sunday, October 30th
Our Father's Table



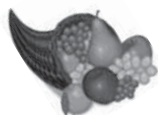
Wednesday, November 2nd
Anointing of the Sick Mass for all Parishioners at 10:00 am

Saturday, November 5th
HASA Christmas Craft Bazaar



November 9th - 11th
Yesterday's Kids Trip to Branson

Saturday, November 19th
Help the Hungry Bakesale



Thursday, November 25th
Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am

Sunday, November 27th
Women's Advent by Candlelight



Wednesday, December 7th
First Reconciliation at 6:00 pm

Archdiocese Safe Environment Program

All volunteers and employees who work with children at St. Joseph's parish must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program. This includes attending a Protecting God's Children workshop, undergoing a background check updated in even-numbered years, having an FBI fingerprint check if you have lived outside of Missouri within the past five years, and signing the Code of Ethical Conduct.

These requirements are mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and are followed by every diocese in the country. The policies are the Church's attempt to ensure the suitability of all adults who work or volunteer around your children. If you have any questions about your compliance please contact our parish child safety coordinator Jane Hardy at 756-4250.

There will be a Protecting God's Children workshop here at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, October 11th in the parish center at 6:00 pm. Call Jane Hardy at 756-4250 to sign up.

Help the Hungry Bake Sale



For the first time in history, over 1.02 billion people do not have enough to eat. This represents one sixth of humanity.

Dine Out for the United Way of St. Francois County

Thursdays beginning September 22nd 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 13th
Hardee's of Leadington & Bonne Terre

Happenings at Other Parishes

Ste. Genevieve Parish Night of Praise & Worship
Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 pm for all ages
Music and Eucharistic Procession

Effective Monday, October 10th Huddle House in Farmington (owned and operated by parishioners Keith and Donna Ratliff) will become a non-smoking establishment. Please bring in your family and friends for a great meal with great service in a fun, smoke free environment. Senior Discounts available daily upon request.



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

Tuesday, October 25th, 2011

prayer service at 5:30 pm

dinner at 6:00 pm

On the 13th 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 19th to Rita Boyd at 756-2383 or email ctboyd@sbcglobal.net

