

*St. Joseph Catholic Church*  
*Farmington, Missouri*

**September 18th, 2011**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

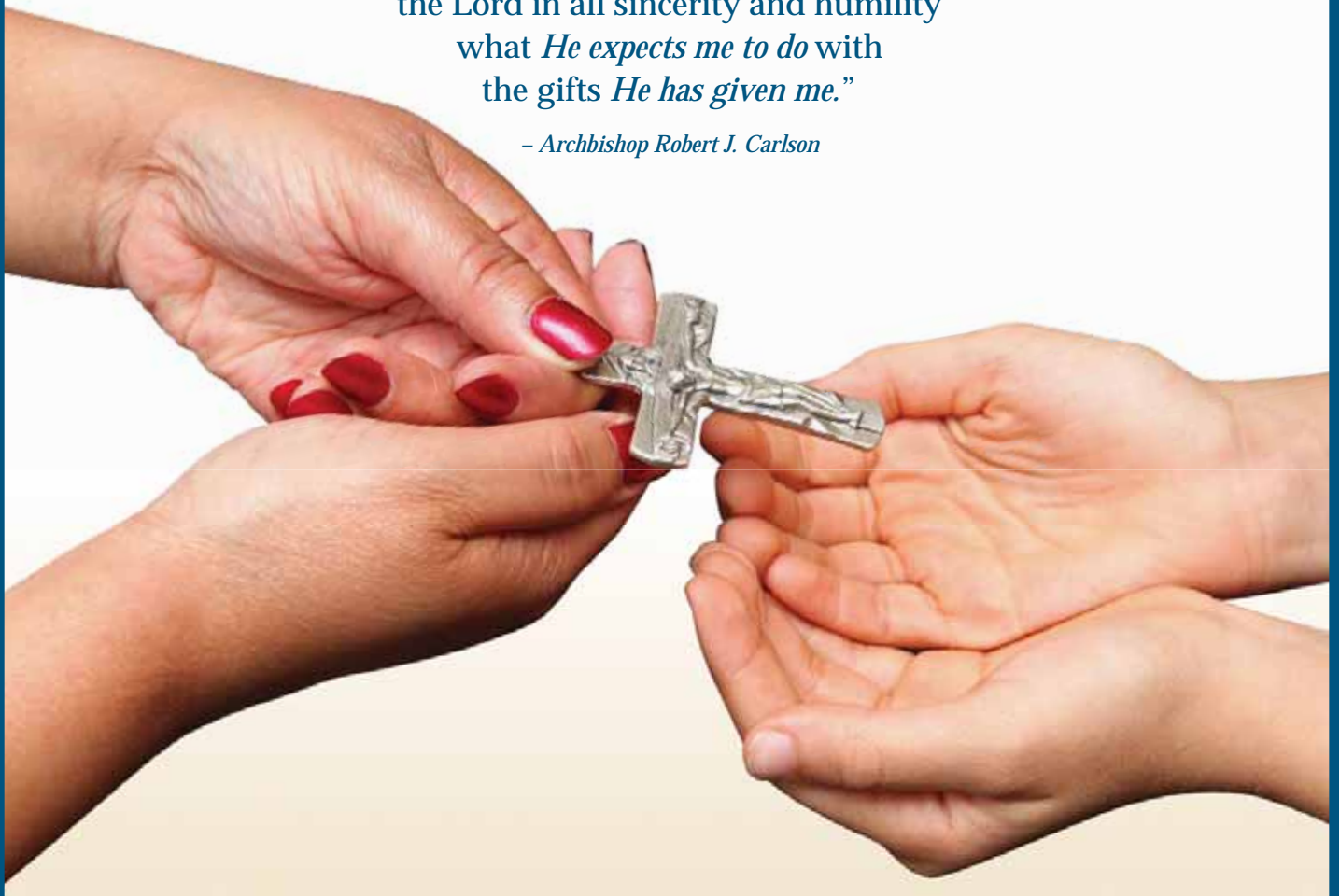
STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY

“For we are  
**God’s co-workers.”**

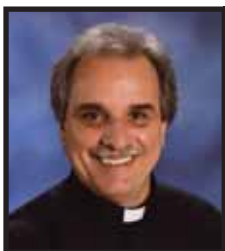
*1 Corinthians 3:9*

“My ‘job’ as a *Christian steward* is to ask  
the Lord in all sincerity and humility  
what *He expects me to do* with  
the gifts *He has given me.*”

– Archbishop Robert J. Carlson



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## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

### A Prayer for Faithful Stewardship...

Good and gracious God,  
We thank you for the beauty of  
the earth and all creation.

Help us to hear always the calling to be  
good stewards of your gifts, the caretakers  
of all you have entrusted to us on earth.

Let us always recognize, cherish and  
enjoy the goodness in all of creation.

Teach us reverence for every  
person and all living things.

O God, help us to use your gifts  
wisely and share them generously.

Whisper in our hearts the reminder that we are  
but temporary guardians of your abundance;

We are called to pass your gifts  
on to the next generation.

Let all that we do be a  
reflection of your love and care.

Amen.

### Thanks for Being Such Awesome and Faithful Stewards of Your Time, Talent and Treasure...

Today throughout the Archdiocese we celebrate Stewardship Sunday. Each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we hear the Word of God proclaimed and at the end of the mass, we are asked to: **"Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."** Serving God in others is fundamental to a true observance of the Catholic faith.

What is involved in this call to love and serve the Lord? It is that of stewardship, a notion expressed in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament (e.g., Mt. 25.14-30). Stewardship is the use of God-given talents and gifts in service to other people and, indeed, the whole creation. It is the building of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Stewardship goes beyond tithing one's time, talent, and treasure for the Church. Stewardship is a way of

life in which every aspect of one's life is employed according to the divine plan and returned to God. Embracing stewardship involves true conversion, a fundamental reorientation of one's life, whether individually or in the context of the family.

I wish there was a way to keep track of the numerous hours of stewardship of our time and talent that was given to the parish this year! From working at the fish fry... to watering our plants... to sewing a quilt... to our children collecting can goods for St. Vincent de Paul... from making liver dumplings... to baking cakes for our bereavement dinners... from being an altar server... to being a money counter... from serving as a leader on our Pastoral Council... to cleaning our church... from working at our picnic... to visiting our homebound, and the list goes on and on... Our parish is alive and well because of your faithful stewardship!

### The State of the Parish on this Stewardship Sunday

On this stewardship Sunday I'd like to provide you with an account of our parish's spiritual and communal well-being. As an act of accountability to the Archbishop for our ministry here at St. Joseph's, our Status Animarum (report on the state of souls) is submitted in August each year as a report on the prior fiscal year's time period. The data below accounts the sacramental and communal life of our parish from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Sacrament of Baptism .....	1 adult, 28 children
Professions of Faith (converts already baptized) .....	15 adults
First Holy Communion.....	11 adults, 24 children
Sacrament of Confirmation.....	11 adults, 23 youth
Sacrament of Matrimony .....	5 couples
Convalidaton of Marriage .....	6 couples
Rite of Christian Burial.....	21
Active households .....	586
Full time school (K - 8) .....	106 students
Preschool .....	25 students
PSR .....	100 students

## Ministry Sign up ... Special Stewards During our Sacred Liturgies...

On this Stewardship Sunday you will find on page 5 a way that you can respond to being faithful stewards during our sacred liturgies by signing up to serve as an usher, extraordinary minister, lector, greeter or gift bearer. Please, only those who faithfully attend mass each Sunday should sign up to be an Extraordinary Minister.

## Our Gifts to God and Our Community

Your weekly tithing is one way of giving back to God the first fruits of His gifts to you! As your pastor, it is a heavy responsibility to make sure that your sacrificial financial gifts given freely to God each week are used in a responsible manner to continue the mission statement of our faith community. My deepest gratitude goes to our parish finance committee whose advice and consultation has made my job much easier.

On page 6 you will find a letter from our finance committee that will explain how our parish is doing as stewards of our gifts.

We are sincerely grateful to have our Archdiocesan Shared Accounting services as our resource and helping us with dual control of accounting.

It was another wonderful year at St. Joseph's!!! My deepest gratitude goes to each of you for your awesome faithfulness to be good stewards of God's gifts to us, and to the awesome pastoral staff we have!

## A Few Spaces are Left for Our Next Yesterday's Kids Trip We will be travelling to Branson, Missouri

Our Yesterday's Kids (those 55 and older) will have an exceptional opportunity to experience Christmas a bit early by joining us for a three day trip to Branson, Missouri. You don't want to miss this truly enjoyable and relaxing time before the holidays are upon us. **At this time we have only eight spots open**, so please call Sandy at the parish office to reserve your seat if you would like to attend. **The deadline to register is October 5th**, we need to reserve our rooms and tickets at this time.



## A Beautiful Homemade Quilt to be Raffled at Our Ole' Fashioned Parish Chicken Fry on October 2nd

Next weekend after all our masses several of our Washington D.C. pilgrims will be outside selling chances on the beautiful homemade **king size** quilt shown above lovingly made by **Sandy Brooks**. Sandy will be joining 59 other parishioners who will be making the pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to participate in the 39th annual March for Life.

The winner of the quilt will be drawn at the "**All You Can Eat**" Chicken Fry on **Sunday, October 2nd serving from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm** 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 and quilt raffle will go to the pilgrims attending our parish's 7th annual pilgrimage to D.C. Tickets for the Chicken Fry are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12 and children under 5 are FREE.

## and Finally...

A tremendous thank you to **Mark, Phyllis and Travis Trolinger** and **Keith and Linda Huck** for their gift of stewardship of organizing and leading this year's annual golf tournament. In next week's bulletin you will find a list of winners as well as some photos of the day.

On this Stewardship Sunday, as I begin my seventh year serving as your pastor, I would like to say thank you for all of your love, support and encouragement that you give to me. I am deeply thankful for the privilege of being your pastor.

**"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



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## A Letter from Our Archbishop

### Stewardship Awareness Sunday Pastoral Letter Archbishop Carlson's Letter to the People

September 18, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the successful conclusion of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal we have proven to ourselves and to the community that, despite challenges and hardships, we can and do share generously with our God. I am most grateful to those who helped support the Annual Catholic Appeal this year with your time and your treasure. Now, on this Stewardship Sunday, I encourage all of you to go and do likewise in your own parish. Give the best you have to God and to one another. Find ways to participate more fully in the ministries and spiritual life of your parish.

St. Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians that we are all God's co-workers. God may call some of us to plant and some of us to water, but we are all called in some way to work in God's vineyard.

To be invited to be God's co-worker is a great honor. Our Father in heaven has bestowed unique and special gifts on each of us. These gifts are not given purely for our own benefit. God gives us our gifts precisely so that we will have some special contribution to make towards building up the Church. If anyone of us fails to share our gifts, then some part of God's work is not being done.

It may seem overwhelming to think that God asks us to help build up His Kingdom. We may feel unqualified, inadequate or just too busy. Yet, God wants us to participate. As we see in the Gospel story of the Workers in the Vineyard, God will keep coming out and looking for us over and over again, inviting us repeatedly to come and work with Him. How can we refuse this invitation?

If you have doubts about your ability to give more to your parish community I would ask you to do one simple thing. Pray. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Ask God, "**Lord, how would You like me to become more fully involved in the life of Your Church?**" Trust that God in His goodness will show you the way that is right for you.

May God bless you for all that you do and all that you are being called to do this year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Carlson".

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson,  
Archbishop of St. Louis

## Opportunities of Serving at our Liturgical Celebrations

**Lectors:** When the Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself is speaking to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, is proclaiming the gospel. The readings of God's word must therefore be listened to by all with reverence; they make up a principal element of the liturgy. In the biblical readings, God's word addresses all people of every era and is understandable to them. (GIRM 29). *"Those who exercise the ministry of lectors must be truly qualified and carefully prepared in order that the faithful will develop a warm and lively love for Scripture from listening to the reading of the sacred texts."* (GIRM #66)

**Please, we need Lectors who are able to proclaim the Word of God not just read it.**

**Ushers:** The mission of the usher at St. Joseph's is that of hospitality. Our service is making parishioners and guests feel welcome and comfortable as we gather for our Eucharistic celebration. Our ushers are able to see the presence of Christ in each person as they arrive. This ministry is open to all parishioners: men and women, senior citizen, parent and teenager. They can handle emergency situations with courage and composure. Duties include: Greeting parishioners as they enter for worship, assisting in the seating of parishioners and guests, providing the weekly bulletin to members of the congregation, taking up the offertory collection, wishing everyone a good day at the conclusion of the celebration of the Mass, cleaning up the church after Mass, collecting excess bulletins and papers left behind in the pews.

**Gift Bearers for the offertory procession:** We would like to list the names each week of those bringing the gifts of the people to God's Altar. We welcome families and individuals to sign up for the honor each week.

**Music Ministry:** Musicians serve at mass by assisting the sung prayer of the congregation. Many different styles of music allow for a varied expression of worship. Rehearsals are generally held one night a week and before Sunday Mass. Vocalists and instrumentalists are encouraged to participate.

**Yes!!! Please sign me up!!! I want to serve at our Eucharistic Celebrations!**

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister     Lector     Usher     Gift Bearer     Music Ministry

Mass time I am interested in serving

5:00 pm Saturday     7:30 am Sunday     9:00 am Sunday     10:30 am Sunday

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this form in the collection basket or leave at the parish office.



## A Note from St. Joseph's Finance Committee

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph's,

### Points of Interest on this Stewardship Sunday

- We currently have **\$108,610.16** in our reserve funds (our savings). **We are proud to report we have not used any of our reserves for general operations for the last 6 years.**
- We currently have **\$29,520.19** in the Forrest Bloom account which is restricted for Parish Capital improvements. The rectory renovation came from this fund.
- We have **\$107,498.13** in our future Building Fund. **\$18,868.54** of these funds are pledges that were restricted by parishioners to church expansion only and not to the parish center. **\$132,926.95** of this fund came from the Jackie Neidert bequest two years ago. (**\$42,753.02** of the original Jackie Neidert bequest was used for the new altar furnishings two years ago, these items are a part of our future expansion of the church.)
- We have **\$16,474.76** in the Parish Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. It is truly a blessing that we have been able to maintain the cemeteries the past six years from the funds from the annual offertory envelopes and the sale of lots and have not had to tap into the perpetual care funds again this year.
- We have **\$772,421.69** in our Parish and School Endowment Fund. We received **\$657,968.06** endowed gift in 2009/2010 from the **Velma Lober** estate. This account has fluctuated due to stock market changes. Due to new Archdiocesan guidelines, funds from any parish/school endowment can only be withdrawn once a year in January. These funds are then budgeted for the following fiscal year. These new guidelines help tremendously in preparing a more actual budget for the parish and school. This past year our earnings were \$119,312.03 that will now be used towards this coming fiscal year. We have chosen to use \$69,312.03 to fill all nine teaching positions and no longer have combined classes. The other \$50,000.00 has been restricted to a savings account as an emergency reserve.
- We are also pleased to share the good news of the Year End Review of our parish school. The amount of subsidy needed from our weekly Sunday collections to sustain our school this past fiscal year was **43.67%**.

As you can see from the report on the Year End Review of our Parish Subsidy to the school, we have made great strides at reducing the subsidy to our school. Our ultimate goal is to have the parish subsidy to the school at/or below **35%** of the needed parish subsidy. We are making positive strides to this goal each year. Our parish income has again been helped by the Lenten Fish Fries which brought an additional **\$18,076.16**, the annual Parish Dinner Auction which brought in additional revenue of **\$39,607.75**, and the Parish Picnic netted **\$28,380.67**. The Keep our Stars Shining Bright Raffle netted an income of **\$18,757.80** of which \$10,000 went directly to the school budget with the rest being utilized for the school's computer technology.

**We thank you, the parish community of St. Joseph's, for entrusting your faith in us to oversee the gifts you have faithfully given to God and our parish.**

**Chuck Hayden**, Committee Chair; **Kevin Boatright**; **James Winch**; **Jim Eaton**; **Rob Grindel** (Buildings and Renovation Chair Representative to the Finance Board); and **Jenna Christisen**, Parish Accountant.

## Today is Stewardship Sunday God Calls... We Respond

Today we celebrate Stewardship Sunday! It is difficult to teach or practice stewardship, unless we have a clear understanding of exactly what stewardship is from our sacred scripture. If we wish to embrace faithful stewardship, we must gradually learn to embrace every definition or aspect of stewardship. Jesus calls us to be faithful stewards throughout the Gospels! **Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God.** We can take credit for nothing. To aid our spiritual lives and our journey to our Father's home, I thought I would share with you some great thoughts on how to live more fully by being faithful stewards.

### Stewardship Is . . .

- ❖ **Scripture Based** - All of the teachings of stewardship come directly from the Gospels, the Old Testament and the letters of the New Testament. Stewardship is not a new fad, or environmental word. Stewardship is the way God has expected His people to live since the beginning of time.
- ❖ **Dependence on God** - Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed into our hands.
- ❖ **Gratitude** - Stewardship is living a life of gratitude – taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful for them.
- ❖ **Giving Back** - Stewardship is returning a portion of our gifts to God. The gifts we return are our time, our talent and our treasure. We return these gifts not because God or our Church needs them but because we feel an overwhelming need to show our love and gratitude to God.
- ❖ **Transformative** - Stewardship is transformative. Once we embrace the stewardship message it changes the way we look at every decision we make. Stewardship becomes a total way of life.
- ❖ **A Love Response** - Once we allow God to truly take up residence in our hearts we become so overwhelmed by His abundant love for us that we just naturally feel the need to join our lives with Him and dedicate our time, talent and treasure to carrying out God's work here on earth. Our generosity comes from within and not from any external pressure or reward.
- ❖ **Proportionate Giving** - Stewardship calls us to realize that each of us is called to give as God has given to us. We no longer base our giving on what others are giving. We no longer excuse ourselves from giving because we do not see others giving. Rather we give in proportion to all that God has given to us.
- ❖ **Spending Time with God** - Stewardship involves spending time with God. Recognizing that every day is a gift from God, we strive to spend some of each day with God, through prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, scripture reading, quiet, meditation and other spiritual activities.
- ❖ **Sharing Talent** - Stewardship involves sharing talent. Recognizing that God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we can do the work of Our Lord, we strive to share our own talents and to encourage and welcome others to also use their talents to carry out the mission and ministry of the Church.
- ❖ **Giving Treasure** - Stewardship involves giving treasure. Giving time and talent does not excuse us from giving treasure. We know that throughout the Gospels, Jesus challenged us to give as it has been given to us. Recognizing the tremendous financial blessings that abound in our country, we strive to give at least 10% of our resources back to God, to support the building up of God's kingdom. Although this level of giving may not be immediately possible, we are aware of what percentage we are giving back and regularly strive to increase the amount, taking small incremental steps toward giving a full tithe.
- ❖ **Trust in God** - Stewardship is trusting God. We believe that our generous God will always provide for us. None of us will ever have all that we want, but we will always have all that we need.
- ❖ **Accountability** - Stewardship calls us to recognize that just as in the Parable of the Talents, each of us will someday be asked by God to give an accounting of all that we have done with the gifts that have been given to us. Likewise, parish communities that embrace stewardship must be accountable to the community for the way in which the parish uses the gifts entrusted to it.
- ❖ **Thankfulness** - Stewardship calls us to be ever grateful for the gifts that God has given. Not only are we called to be grateful to God, but we also must be grateful to one another. Just as we thank God every day, a stewardship parish must also show gratitude, recognition and appreciation to those who have given generously to the support of the parish.
- ❖ **Counter-Cultural** - Stewardship is counter-cultural. While society encourages us to continually strive for more and more, stewardship helps us to recognize that we already have more than enough. In fact, we have enough to share.
- ❖ **Discipleship** - Stewardship is discipleship. We strive to put God first in all things and to follow where Our Lord might lead.

## Our Pastoral Team

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**Shirley Bieser** ..... Pastoral Council

**Chuck Hayden** ..... Financial Commission

**Ed Brown** ..... Cemetery Association

### Parish Business Office Hours

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## St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to be His church and live His gospel.  
We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling  
by prayer, worship, teaching and in  
sharing our faith and serving others.*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit and  
through our patron St. Joseph, we  
commit ourselves to the responsible  
stewardship of all God's gifts.*

## Mass Schedule

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

Saturday ..... 5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation ..... 7 am, 8 am, and 7 pm

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 pm, Sundays 7 am, or by appointment

### The Sacrament of Baptism

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

### The Sacrament of Marriage

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

**For assistance call 756-0997**



## Happy Birthday



<u>September 18th</u>	<u>September 20th cont.</u>	<u>September 23rd</u>
<b>Carol Cissell</b>	<b>Retta Forsythe (50th)</b>	<b>Connor Davault</b>
<b>Kassie Combs</b>	<b>Natalie Haug</b>	<b>Austin Dussold</b>
<b>Jackie Maloney</b>	<b>Brian Koppeis</b>	<b>Micah Ragsdale</b>
<b>Livia Schweigert</b>	<b>Jake Moore</b>	<b>Alayna Resinger</b>
<b>Colten Young</b>	<u>September 21st</u>	<b>Stephen Thome</b>
<u>September 19th</u>	<b>Craig Allen</b>	<b>Kaiden Walter</b>
<b>Marie Edgar</b>	<b>Emily Heberlie</b>	<u>September 24th</u>
<b>Danny Rollens</b>	<b>R.T. Kreidler</b>	<b>Carissa Cassimatis</b>
<b>Bennett Smith</b>	<b>Aaron Parker</b>	<b>Marsha Petty</b>
<u>September 20th</u>	<u>September 22nd</u>	<b>Fr. Rickey Valleroy</b>
<b>Jr. Brady</b>	<b>Cade Hutson</b>	<b>Jake Whitener</b>
<b>Lexi Crannell</b>	<b>Jaden Schweigert</b>	



## Happy Anniversary



<u>September 18th, 2004</u>	<u>September 23rd, 2006</u>
<b>Jeremy &amp; Joni Coleman</b>	<b>Ronald &amp; Angela Cowley</b>
<u>September 19th, 1952</u>	<u>September 23rd, 1989</u>
<b>Don &amp; Maxine Danieley</b>	<b>Terry &amp; Chris Westrich</b>
<u>September 20th, 1997</u>	<u>September 24th, 1966</u>
<b>Ray &amp; Sherrie Johnson</b>	<b>William &amp; Geneva Jokerst</b>
<u>September 20th, 2008</u>	
<b>John &amp; Jodi Miller</b>	



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of September 19th - 25th, 2011

### Monday: Weekday

Readings: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

7:00 am: **Communion Service**

### Tuesday: St. Andrew Kim Taegon & St. Paul Chong Hasang and their companions

Readings: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5  
Lk 8:19-21

7:00 am: **Violet Hayden**

### Wednesday: St. Matthew

Readings: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

7:00 am: **Ben & Marie Dixon**

### Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 9:7-9

7:00 am: **Al Dziewa**

### Friday: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Readings: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

7:00 am: **Harold Rustemeyer**

8:05 am: **Virginia "Jinny" Orlick**

### Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32

5:00 pm **The East Family**

### Sunday:

7:30 am: **Angela Wade**

9:00 am: **Parishioners**

10:30 am: **Maria Gutierrez and Family**

visit [www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://www.stjosephfarmington.com) and click on "daily mass readings" for easy reference.



## Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

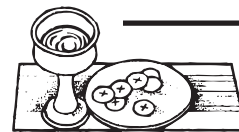
Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish. If you are a regular visitor and would like to join our parish, please return this form in next week's collection basket or stop by the Parish Office at 10 North Long Street.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Ministers of the Liturgy



### Saturday, September 24th

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Deacon:** Deacon Al Gegg

**Lector:** Rick Conklin

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Adam Barnhouse, Donna Conklin,  
John Crouch, Rosetta Halter

**Ushers:** Buddy Bordewick, Donald Boyd,  
James Cissell, Richard Reney

**Servers:** G. Gerstenecker, Ja. O'Hara, Jo. O'Hara

### Sunday, September 25th

#### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Lector:** Dottie Reeves

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Jim Eaton, Steve Forsythe, Chuck Hayden,  
Rose Hayden, Melissa Mitchell

**Ushers:** Ed Brown, Bob Govreau,  
Charles Govreau, Chester Ott

**Servers:** MK. Eaton, M. Eaton

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** Brian McNamara

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Margaret Greif, Agnes Hinkebein, George  
Kracke, Sandi Kracke, Charlotte Vander Bol

**Ushers:** Dan Combs, Bill Kure,  
Jerry Morris, Dale Springs

**Servers:** K. Baechle, E. Barnhouse, S. Lyons-Jahn

#### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** Gary Berblinger

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Shirley Bieser, Isa Sippo, William Sippo,  
Helen Thurman, John Thurman

**Ushers:** John Bieser, Mark Bieser,  
Bob Bone, Logan Cannell

**Servers:** A. Gerstner, N. Greif, A. Winch

## Monday, September 19th, 2011

### Sacristans

Pat Beussink, Jana Dore',  
Marie Hermann, Jo Rustemeyer

### 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.



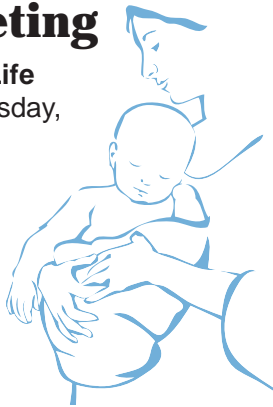
Our Rosary Leaders will be:  
Helen Mell, Mary Strohmeier, Phyllis Trolinger, Jane Allen, Ginger Baechle

The Mysteries this week are: **Glorious**

Our petition for this week will be:  
"Let us pray in thanksgiving for the gift of **Grandparents** as we celebrate **Grandparents Day** at our school."

## Respect Life Meeting

Please come to the **Respect Life Committee meeting** this Thursday, September 22nd, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. October is Respect Life month and we will be sharing many activities that you can participate in to show you are PRO-LIFE. We hope to see you there!



## Help the Hungry Bake Sale

According to the USDA over 16 million children lived in food insecure households in 2010.



## Our Thanks To

**Pat Boatright**  
of St. Joe's Garden Club for watering and tending to our potted plants this week.

## Your Gifts to God and Parish

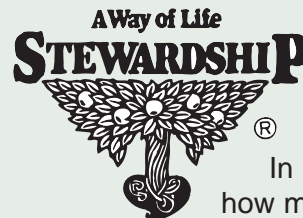
Sunday, September 11th, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$10,399.65
Loose	\$424.81
Children's Envelopes	\$3.00
Spanish Mass	<u>\$273.00</u>
	<b>\$11,100.46</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,100.46	\$117,731.29
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$119,350.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$250.46	<b>\$(1,618.71)</b>

Partners in Education	\$60.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$65.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$204.00
Respect Life	\$75.00
Youth Ministry	<u>\$252.17</u>
Total for Specials	<b>\$656.17</b>

## Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!



*"You too go into my vineyard."*  
**Matthew 20:4**

In today's Gospel we see how much Our Lord wants us to be co-workers with Him. Just as the Master went out repeatedly to invite more workers into his vineyard, so Our Lord continually calls us to participate more fully in the Church. Life on earth is short. How many times does God have to call us, before it is too late? Even the workers who entered the vineyard late were paid well. Do we want to be left standing alone in the marketplace for all eternity because we failed to fulfill our jobs as Christian stewards?

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

**Please pray for:** Emma Schubert, Marcella Watson, Ron Lefwich and family, Darrell Roegner, Larry Flanagan, John Panke, Father Reilly, 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, Cindy McDaniel, Larry Redmond, **Michelle Gomas**, Rhonda LaPierre, Kara Wallace, **Paul Gremminger**, **Wilma Nations**, Don Kamp, **Carol Cissell**, **Ron Strausser**, Becky Mabery, Betty Hall, Delores Wolo, Beth (Schnurbusch) Nielson, **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

- Tues 09/20 **Cub Scouts**  
6:30 pm • Cafeteria
- Wed 09/21 **Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**  
9:00 am • Parish Center
- PSR Classes**  
6:00 pm • School
- Baptism Prep Class**  
6:00 pm • Library
- Parish Rosary**  
7:15 pm • Church
- Biblical Walk Through the Mass**  
7:30 pm • Parish Center
- Thurs 09/22 **Eucharistic Adoration**  
8:00 am - 5:15 pm • Church
- Boy Scouts**  
6:30 pm • Cafeteria
- Respect Life Committee Meeting**  
7:00 pm • Parish Center
- Fri 09/23 **All School Mass**  
8:05 am • Church
- Grandparents Day at School**  
Beginning with the all school mass
- School Early Dismissal at 11:30  
for Farmington Homecoming**
- Sat 09/24 **Our Pastor, Fr. Rickey's  
Birthday!**
- Sun 09/25 **RCIA Inquiry Session**  
9:00 am • Parish Center
- Our Father's Table**  
4:00 - 6:00 pm • Cafeteria

## PICK UP TODAY!!

The Schwan's truck is located across the street in the Lober Building parking lot on TODAY Sunday, September 18th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. **If you have pre-ordered items, they are ready to be picked up.** If you were unable to get an order in, stop by and see what they have – they brought along some of their most popular items available for purchase even if you didn't pre-order! All funds raised will help pay for our billboard on Highway 67. We appreciate your support!



## First or Last?

The moral of the parable that Jesus tells in today's gospel is that famous line, "the last will be first and the first will be last." (Mt 20:16) Today it is literally true in that the landowner started paying the workers who came last before paying the rest of the workers. Jesus told the story this way, so that the ones who worked all day would see how much the part-timers were paid. What fun would it be if you don't have the full-timers complaining that they should get more?

The story illustrates what Isaiah says in the first reading: God's ways are far above our ways, his thoughts far beyond our capabilities. Like the landowner in the parable, God is more than fair. He is more generous than we can imagine. The point is that God is so patient, he can wait till the end of your life for you to come back to him. So does that mean you can live a selfish life until the very end and then just say, "I'm sorry?" The longer you live just for yourself, the more difficult it will be to change. But if you do, he will accept you just like he welcomes the saints.

God is so far beyond us that he had to send his Son, Jesus, to teach us the truth about God and his love for us. Jesus taught us more about God in a few years than anyone had ever known before. Who would have thought of showing God's love for us by having Jesus die and then rise from the dead? And who can comprehend the mystery of one God in Three Persons?

Many of the things Jesus taught contradict "common sense." He tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us. (Mt 5:44) He says the more wealth you have, the harder it will be to be saved. (Mt 19:24) And he tells us there is more joy over one repentant sinner than 99 righteous people who don't need to repent. (Lk 15:7) These seem like nonsense to the worldly, and a challenge to believers, but they show how great God's love really is.

(from "The Word in our Lives")





## Your School... Alive in Christ!

### By Mrs. Rohrer, Principal

St. Joseph Catholic School is Alive in Christ as the students celebrate the lives of the saints.

For the month of September, the students are learning about the Archangels: Michael, Raphael and Gabriel. Mrs. Jami AuBuchon's class developed a display on the Archangels entitled "Courage." The students will be learning about the lives of these saints and how their lives praise Christ, give hope to his followers, and offer an example for people to imitate. The Archangels are: **St. Michael** - His name means "Who is like God?" He is the principal fighter in the battle against Lucifer or Satan as related in the Book of Revelation. **St. Gabriel** - His name means "Strength of God" He brought the message to Mary of the birth of Jesus. **St. Raphael** - His name means "God's Healing" He was the traveling companion of Tobiah and restored his sight. The students who exhibit the virtue of courage in the month of September will be recognized on the Bucket Filler board at school. I will also recognize these students with a special treat.

St. Joseph students exhibit the virtue of "courage" in many ways. The students recently participated in our Student Council election. During the week of September 5th, the students in grades 5-8 gave speeches to the student body on why they should be elected to the Student Council. On Friday, September 9th, the elections were held and the following students were elected to serve the students at St. Joseph Catholic School:

President: **Collin Huitt**  
 Vice President: **Grant Harrison**  
 Secretary: **Lindsey Greif**  
 Treasurer: **Andre's Castro**  
 Reporter: **Peyton Gallagher**

Senators:

**Valerie Schwent, Katie Scism, Anna Slinkard, Danielle Turner, Chase Vargo, Hunter Vargo**

Representatives:

5th grade - **Maria Harris & Elle Lappe**  
 6th grade - **Kimberly Ramos & Gracie Trokey**  
 7th grade - **Gina Gerstenecker & Lucie Trokey**

**Mrs. Annette Willis** provides great leadership for the Student Council as she is the chairperson for this group. I appreciate how she donates her free time to support the student council and guide them in their endeavors.

The St. Joseph Student Council serves the parish and the community in many ways. I am proud of our students who model their lives after the saints by their generosity and stewardship to the many causes in our community. The theme of our Student Council is "Helping those in Need!" They work very hard on the following projects: Pregnancy Resource Center, Canned Food Drives, Recycling, Christmas Hat and Mitten Tree, Special needs of the community (ex. Fredericktown school, Joplin).

There will be a special Student Council Officer installation Mass on Friday, September 16th and a reception for the students and their families following Mass. I look forward to working with such a talented group of students.

I also want to close by bragging on our **A White volleyball team**. The girls took first place in the Farmington Middle School Volleyball Tournament on September 10th. Their spirit and teamwork led them to victory in the tournament. Way to go St. Joseph Parish athletes!



### Highlights of St. Joseph Catholic School

- **Grandparent's Day** is September 23rd - Mass, refreshments and entertainment in school
- **ITBS testing** - September 19th - 26th
- **Donut Sunday** - October 2nd, school staff serving

**Only \$8.00!!**

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

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

**Sunday, October 2nd**  
**11:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
*St. Joseph Parish Gym*

**\$8.00** for adults and **\$4.00** for children under 12  
children under 5 years old **FREE**  
carry outs available • beautiful quilt to be raffled

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

Join us for an evening of class  
in a Winter Wonderland setting  
at the 6th Annual St. Joseph  
Parish 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  
and are available at the parish office.



**Hey Teens. . .**  
Come Join Us for  
Youth Group!!!

**Junior High**  
(7th & 8th graders)  
September 18th  
5:00 - 6:00 pm  
in St. Joe's gym

**High School**  
(9th - 12th graders)  
September 18th  
6:00 - 7:00 pm  
in St. Joe's gym



Live the faith!  
Abe & Jami

Please join us  
**November 9th - 11th**  
as we experience the sights and  
sounds of Christmas in Branson.

**Only \$295 per person!!!**  
Contact Sandy in the parish office  
to reserve your spot!!

**Wednesday, November 9th**  
Depart Farmington for Branson at 8:00 am  
Dinner at the Grand Country Buffet  
Enjoy **Andy Williams Christmas Show**

**Thursday, November 10th**  
Visit the **Titanic Museum**  
**Mass** at Our Lady of the Lake  
**Silver Dollar City**  
**Light Parade** at Silver Dollar City

**Friday, November 11th**  
Shopping at craft mall  
Lunch at Lambert's

**You say you're Pro-Life.**

**You say we should  
help those in need.**

**What can you do about it?**

**Walk the Walk**

The Parkland Pregnancy  
Resource Center will be  
sponsoring its sixth annual

**"Walk for Life  
Walk-a-thon"**

**Saturday, October 8th**

The Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center will be sponsoring its sixth annual "Walk for Life" Walk-a-thon. We are looking for volunteers to walk on Saturday, October 8th. Registration will be from 8:00 - 8:45 am and starting time will be 9:00 am at their location in Park Hills. We will walk approximately two 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 (strollers, wheelchairs, etc.). Please bring friends and family to walk with you; the more people involved, the bigger the statement we will make to the community.

**We will have a table set up outside church TODAY to hand out Walk brochures and to answer any questions if you would like to participate.** Brochures will also be available on the table in back of church. It is very important that you fill out and mail in your Pre-registration form or turn it in to us. If you are unable to walk with us on October 8, you can walk at your convenience any time before. 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.



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

**Lisa (Doug) Cartee**

**Mandy (Joe) Potter**

*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**

### **St. Joseph in Bonne Terre Parish Festival**

**Sunday, September 18th • 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
Fried Chicken & Kettle Beef Dinners • Music  
Grand Raffle • Washer Tournament • Mech Bull Ride

### **St. Maurus Parish in Biehle Breakfast**

**Sunday, September 18th • 7:30 am - 12 noon**  
ham & pork sausage, scrambled eggs, German fried  
potatoes, gravy & biscuits, homemade coffee cake

### **Assumption Parish in Herculaneum Fall Festival**

**Sunday, September 18th • 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Dinners  
Live entertainment • Raffles • Bingo

### **Rocky Vine Youth Camp in Dutzow SpiritFest**

**Saturday, September 24th • 12 noon - 6 pm**  
Mass celebrated by Archbishop Robert Carlson  
Day of Music, Fun, & Faith • Games • Bands • Food

### **St. Catherine's in Coffman Fall Festival**

**Sunday, September 25th • 11:00 am**  
Turkey & Ham Shoot • Sandwiches • Kid's Games  
Quilt Raffles • Country Store

### **St. Joseph Parish in Zell Fall Festival**

**Sunday, September 25th • 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
Chicken & Ham Dinners • Antique Tractor Exhibit  
Entertainment • Country Store • Games • Raffles

### **St. James Parish in Potosi Fall Festival**

**Sunday, September 25th • 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Dinners Buffet Style  
Games • Country Store • Horseshoes • Raffles

### **Sacred Heart in Festus-Crystal City Picnic**

**Sunday, September 25th • 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
Fried Chicken & Kettle Beef Dinners Buffet Style  
Entertainment • Games • Bingo • Silent Auction

### **Immaculate Conception in Park Hills**

**Prayer Group Meeting • Tues, Sept 27th • 7 pm**  
in church basement (last Tuesday of every month)

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The first prayer shawl meeting will be Wed.

Sept. 21st, at 9:00 am in the parish center. Come and be a part of this ministry...we will



help you learn how to crotchet/knit...or help you understand and read a new pattern. We have several pattern books from which we can copy a pattern from OR bring your own pattern... Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry. For more information please contact Jane Hardy at the parish office at 756-4250 or email her at [secretary@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:secretary@stjosephfarmington.com)

" The peace of God surpasses all understanding"  
Phil 4:7

## Holy Spirit Men's Acts Retreat

September 29th - October 2nd, 2011

All Catholic men are invited. Please contact Jane or Agnes at the office for a registration form.

## Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

September 25th • 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Bonne Terre K of C Hall

Refreshments will be served!

For more information contact Dale Jones at 631-2749.

