

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this New Year Father Tom, Father Charlie and I wish you a blessed and healthy 2009. A new year always fills us with hope for the future. We begin with a clean slate and anticipate the good changes we will make in our lives, our new year's resolutions. Jesus came into the world to "make all things new." Life has been profoundly and dramatically renewed by the Lord's coming into the world to forgive sins and to open the gates of heaven. May you and all your family be filled with the joy of the Christmas season as you celebrate your new year knowing that because our Savior was born, lived among us, died and rose for us, a place awaits each of us in heaven.

On another note, I would encourage you to subscribe to the *St. Louis Review*; this is one way to keep informed about our Church here in St. Louis. I would also like to remind you that information about our parish and parish events can be found on our website: www.stjosephclayton.org.

Lastly, thank you to our many ministers, choir members and our Altar Society for all their help and support during this Christmas Season. Your ministries enhance all of our celebrations and help to bring joy to all who worship here at St. Joseph.

New Year Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

UPDATE SICK LIST...

Please take a moment to help update our sick list. If someone should be added or removed from the list, please call 726-1221. Together we will keep the list as current as possible. If we have not heard about someone on the list by the end of January the name will be dropped.

Baptism

We welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family, through the Waters of Baptism, **Mary Claire Keller**, daughter of Gregory and Tamara Keller.

Congratulations to the Happy Family!

Rest in Peace

Let us, as a parish family, pray for all of our deceased parishioners, relatives, benefactors and friends. We remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us and pray that they are celebrating with our Lord in heaven.

St. Joseph Knights Of Columbus Fish Dinner Ash Wednesday February 25



Look for lots of changes to our Annual Ash Wednesday Fish Meal. The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are taking over the Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner. In addition to the regular baked fish they will offer fried fish and shrimp and lots of choices of side dishes. Desserts will be fun too!

Watch for more information. Mark February 25th in your calendar and come support the Knights in this effort.

NOTE: If you would like to help by baking cakes please call Steve Topping at 225-9453.

Are You A Registered Parishioner????

It is as simple as a phone call. Call the Rectory, 726-1221, Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:00 p.m. and we can take your registration information over the phone.

Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan. 5
John Neumann, bp
6:30 am
Rick Slais Int.
8:00 am
Edward Maxwell
12:00 pm
N.P.A. Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Jan. 6
6:30 am
Fr. Raymond McCarthy
8:00 am
Maloney Family
12:00 pm
Houlihan-King Fam.

Wednesday, Jan. 7
6:30 am
Poor Souls
8:00 am
Raymond (Skip) Oakes
12:00 pm
Daniel F. Sheehan, Jr.

Thursday, Jan. 8
6:30 am
Rita Tramelli & Fam.
8:00 am
Richard E. Goyer
12:00 pm
Domingo Reyes

Friday, Jan. 9
6:30 am
Matt & Ken Clark
8:00 am
Jolly Nouse
12:00 pm
Robert Trulaske

Saturday, Jan. 10
8:00 am
Mary Elizabeth Moloney
5:00 pm
Kaye Burns Int.

Sunday, Jan. 11
Baptism of the Lord
7:30 am
People of the Parish
9:00 am
Prudencia P. Arribas
11:00 am
Pedro & Eden Roble

**We Pray For
Our Loved Ones**

May God provide health
and comfort to:

- Ann Ryan
- Fr. Gerry Kleba
- Mary Lee Rovira
- John Gillis
- Peggy Reade
- Barbara Lindsay
- Joan Wilson
- Bob Wilson
- Sean O'Connor
- Josh Eckhoff
- Maria Guehlstorf
- Michael Phelps
- Lynn Burch
- Joseph Niedbalski
- Naomi Carmody
- Beth Wilcox
- Richard Vance
- Paula Mulhearn
- LaVerne Safron
- Susie Taff
- Marsha Sanner Koeller
- Sr. Eleanor
- Lois Laffey
- Peggy Holmes
- Vincenttia Majka
- Barbara Beauzethier

St. Joe's Seniors Center

We hope you can join us on January 13th, at 12:30 in the church hall, for our next senior luncheon. To celebrate the feast of St. Hilary, we plan a hilarious afternoon of fun and games. Please bring a friend and a white elephant to share, and RSVP to 726-1221."

Roses for Life
Sponsored by
St. Joseph
Knights of Columbus

Please take a rose from the baskets at entrances to church for the Roses for Life. All you have to do is sign your name and address and drop it back in the basket. The Knights will make sure they are delivered to our Senators in Washington. It is very important that we continue to make our Pro-Life commitment known. We must speak up for those who cannot yet have their voices heard.

If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of this program, it would be most helpful. Just drop it in the basket with your rose.

Thank you for your participation.

Trivia Night

St. Joseph Parish will be hosting its annual Trivia Night on March 7, 2009.

Watch the bulletin for more details as the date approaches.



St. Joseph--Lourdes Guild

In honor of St. Paul, the Guild extends an invitation to visit **Sts. Peter and Paul Church** in Souldard on Wednesday, January 14th, where **Rev. Bruce Forman** will host a tour, Mass and lunch. Depart from Luepke's 10:00 a.m. -- home by 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. Send check (made out to OLOL) to Judy Luepke, 7207 Westmoreland, 63130.

Attention All Catholic Singles

Interested in meeting single Catholics 21-45? The Catholic Single Adults Club invites you to join us for an "Eat and Greet" at Growler's in South County (3811 S Lindbergh; 63127) in the Meeting Room, Friday Jan 23rd starting at 6 PM. Appetizers will be provided for a minimal donation. Interested? Please contact Steve at 314-966-0724.

Bridge Players, join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement on Thursday, January 8th for a fun evening of bridge. This month, please RSVP to the Rucinskys at 993-3541 or karucinsky@swbell.net in case there is a change of plans due to weather.



Religious Education

PSR

Our list of PSR students who participated in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve was incomplete. Our thanks to Thomas Clear, Hadley Josse, Marina Riad, and Katie Stujenske. Bravo to all who participated.

PSR classes resume Monday, January 5 and Sunday, January 11.

First Reconciliation for the second grade will be Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

RCIA

Parish Mission: Living Lent March 1-5, 2009 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Volunteers accepted 314-727-9059 or stjoepsr@sbcglobal.net
Please mark your Calendars and hold the date!

The Year of St. Paul

READ: Philippians 1:12 - 30

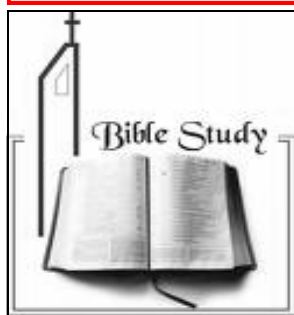
Meditation theme: To Live Is Christ

Paul anticipated a question the Philippians would be sure to ask: Did his imprisonment interfere with the preaching of the Gospel? Happily he assured them that it hadn't. "The chains I bear for Christ have become manifest as such throughout the Pretorium and in all other places. And a greater number of brethren in the Lord, gaining courage from my chains, have dared to speak the word of God more freely and without fear."

The important matter for Paul was not that he got the credit for his preaching. It was that Christ was being preached and loved. "For to me," he added, "to live is Christ!"

Lord, it is part of Paul's greatness that he never lost sight of the true goal. For Paul, "to live was Christ." So it meant nothing to him if men preached and thought only to make them look better than he. So long as Christ was being preached and loved, Paul was happy. "In this do I rejoice."

Lord, above all other gifts of grace make me love prayer until I can say: "For me to live is Christ." Then my goal will always be clear. I'll rejoice not over evil but over good. I will have learned how to love.



Do you want to Read the Bible, But Do Not Know How to Begin?

Then **A Quick Journey Through the Bible** is for you. This program has been developed by Jeff Cavins, well known founding host of EWTN's *Life on the Rock*. Over the past several years, Jeff has dedicated his life to developing *The Great Adventure*. It is an extremely useful and practical interactive Bible study system that enables students to understand the chronological flow of the Scriptures. Jeff is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker who has a deep love for Jesus Christ and who communicates his zeal with clarity and enthusiasm.

Has your Bible been on a bookshelf collecting dust? The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history. It is the story of God's glorious plan for leading His people.

What a great way to *Journey Through the Bible* during Lent. This program makes reading the Bible not only easy, but also exciting. You will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible.

Go to www.greatadventureonline.com to learn much more about this exciting *Journey*. You will get the "big picture" of salvation history as well as an overview of the narrative story of the Bible. Sunday Mass readings will come alive for you like never before.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible is an eight week program that will begin the week of February 8 and continue throughout the season of Lent.

We are excited about this new opportunity. Look for Education Commission Members & other volunteers to take **sign-ups** at the doors after all Masses on **January 10th and 11th**.

Sunday Worship

January 10-11, 2009

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Madeline McMahon
Meredith McMahon

Reader/Lector
Mary Molloy

Extraordinary Ministers
Mike Marks
Vic Schulte
+Jane Byrne

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Adult Server

Reader/Lector
Frank Hackmann

Extraordinary Ministers
Florence Beckwar
Ray Chiostrri

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan

Reader/Lector
Mary Lee Rovira

Extraordinary Ministers
Mary Carver
Clare Reid
+Joe Dickmann

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Sean Gallagher
Connor Gallagher

Reader/Lector
Pat Devereux
Roger Drone

Extraordinary Ministers
Carolyn Dickmann
Betty Tucker
Thom Schwetye

+ Only when no
deacon is present

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**Thank You From Birthright
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Dear Friends at St. Joseph's Church and Vincent DePaul Society,
I would like to thank you for the collection of wonderful baby items that were generously donated to our office recently. We appreciate your stand for Life and your efforts to protect God's precious unborn. Your gifts will provide necessary resources to frightened women facing untimely pregnancies.

These anxious women are often so overwhelmed by their circumstances that they think an abortion is their "best choice". Birthright's assistance and ongoing support provide them the courage to make a choice for life!

We greatly appreciate your concern for these mothers and babies. Thank you for your faithful support!

Gratefully in Life,

Ruth Bradberry
Administrative Director

Readings for the Week Jan. 4, 2009

Sun: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-11 Mt 4:12-7,23-25
Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:2-4ab,7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:2,10-13 Mk 6:45-52
Thur: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:2,14,15bc,17 Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 3:22-30
Sun: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, January 5

1:00 pm Prayer Group, Madonna Room
4:30 pm Children's Choir, Music Room
5:15 pm PSR, School
7:30 pm Adult Choir, Church

Tuesday, January 6

7:00 pm RCIA, Madonna Room
7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 7

6:00 pm Knights & Dames of Malta Rosary, Parish Hall
6:30 pm First Reconciliation, Church
7:00 pm Baptism Class, Madonna Room

Thursday, January 8

6:30 pm Bridge Group, Parish Hall
7:00 pm Parish Council Mtg., Madonna Room

Friday, January 9

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Saturday, January 10

Sign-up for Bible Study Program after Mass

Sunday, January 11

Sign-up for Bible Study Program after Masses

9:45 am God's Own Making Parent Mtg., PH
9:30 am PSR, School
11:00 am CLW, PHC

Missouri Life Caravan

The Annual Bus trip to Washington, DC for the 36th Annual National **March for Life**, is January 21-22-23, 2009. Join us and thousands of others from across the nation for this huge pro-life gathering in the nation's capitol. Registration/trip cost is \$150 per passenger (no meals included; bring extra spending money). Registration must be in by January 7, 2009. **Questions? Need information? Want to sponsor someone? Call Missouri Right to Life at 314-434-4900.**



Please pray for the following men and women as they carry out their duties in the service of our country:

Major William Patience, nephew of Vic and Sylvia Schulte Jr., stationed in Iraq.

Christopher Johnson, grandson of Naomi Carmody. Christopher is stationed in Iraq outside of Baghdad.

James O'Connell, son-in-law of Deacon Al and Mickey Williams is stationed in Iraq.

Tracy Sampson, sister-in-law of Elizabeth Sampson and **John Sampson**, brother of Elizabeth Sampson, stationed at Al-Asad airbase in Iraq.

Capt. John Worland, son of Carr Worland, stationed in Tal Afar, Iraq.