

Dear Parishioners,

"I have a dream... I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers I have a dream today."

Each year on the third Monday of January schools, federal offices, post office and banks across America close as we celebrate the birth, the life and the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is a time for the nation to recall the injustices that Dr. King fought. A time to remember his fight for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and peoples. A time to remember the message of change through nonviolence.

This message of Dr. King came to us from the message Jesus Christ first proclaimed to the people Israel. For Christ was the first one who told us to turn the other cheek, go the extra mile, to forgive not seven times but seventy times seven times. Dr. King knew the teachings of Jesus and put them into practice in his life. As our nation pauses to celebrate Dr. King's dream, let our dream also be one in imitation of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

I also have another dream this week as we call to mind the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. I have a dream that abortion will not be an everyday occurrence in our land, that our sacred right of the inviolability of life will not be struck from our country, as would happen if Congress passes the *Freedom of Choice Act*. This is no free choice but an end to Catholic health care and a lessening of the moral fabric of our nation. For all those who rightly applaud Dr. King and his work how can they in the same breath condemn innocent life?

Let us pray for peace in our world, our cities and in our homes. Let us also pray for a deeper and more profound respect for all from conception to natural death.

*God Bless!
Msgr. John Shamleffer*

Monday, Jan. 19

6:30 am
Anatolia Collazos
8:00 am
Betsy Jordan
12:00 pm
Dan Sheehan

Tuesday, Jan. 20

6:30 am
President Elect Obama
8:00 am
Hogan Family
12:00 pm
Emily Arnold

Wednesday, Jan. 21

St. Agnes, virgin, mtyr
6:30 am
Virginia Schroeder
8:00 am
Robert Sicking
12:00 pm
James Robison

Thursday, Jan. 22

Day of Penance
Anniv. Roe v. Wade
6:30 am
Poor Souls
8:00 am
Vera C. Welch
12:00 pm
Crawford & Mary Jane Leahy

Friday, Jan. 23

6:30 am
Fr. Raymond McCarthy
8:00 am
Charles Fallert Fam.
12:00 pm
Audrey Browne

Saturday, Jan. 24

St. Francis de Sales,
bishop, doctor
8:00 am
Helen Connaughton
5:00 pm
Dr. Francis Burns

Sunday, Jan 25

7:30 am
Sr. Georgia Schroeder
9:00 am
Christy L. Berg
11:00 am
People of the Parish



Parish Mission:

Living Lent: Preaching, Prayer and Action

5 days, March 1- March 5, 7-8:15 p.m.

**Redemptorists Fr. David Polek and Fr. Matthew Bonk
will lead the mission.**

You are welcome to attend all or any sessions possible.

PARISH MISSION -- an opportunity to deepen our Faith.

Each evening there is a different topic consisting of a short talk, singing and praying together. It is an opportunity to experience spiritual renewal in a special way – as individuals, as families and as a parish community.

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health and comfort to:

Ann Ryan
Fr. Gerry Kleba
Mary Lee Rovira
John Gillis
Robert Coplan
Mildred Fraser
Elvessie Edwards
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

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

Music Ministry

For the Children's skit and Mass on Christmas Eve, thank you to our "junior choir" and parents: Larissa Ifri, Hadley Josse, Nina Lang, Clare and Peter Misko.

For the 11 p.m. Music on Christmas Eve, thank you to Ann Schwetye and family.

For the 9 a.m. Christmas Day Mass, thank you to Tom Rucinsky.

For the Christmas Carols and 11 a.m. Christmas Day Mass, thank you to our choir - Maryanne Dolan, Ramon Floro, Joe and Lydia Orso, Rosemary Pickle, Lira Roble, Ann Schwetye, Marge Sicking and Robyn Street.

Thank you to our violinists, Nina Lang and Madeline McMahon.

Thank you to our dear friends Rose Fischer and Daniele Charles for the 11 a.m. New Years Day.

Special thanks to Mary Taylor for coordinating and directing the Christmas Program.

And most of all, thank you to Tom Taylor for all of the organ music for all of the Masses.

Happy New Year to all!

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



The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus have taken 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. There will be a variety of desserts to choose from also. 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 bringing a dessert please call Steve Topping at 225-9453.

The **St. Louis Review** is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For \$23 a year, the 50 issues of **The Review** will keep you in touch with the Church in St. Louis, across the nation, and around the world. Envelopes are in the packets you receive in the mail. Please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)

On January 25, our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion, as well as laws for the protection of women such as informed consent and waiting periods. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators, which will be collected by the Ushers and the Parish Office will mail them in for you.

Please plan to participate in this important event. **Our voices MUST be heard!**

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2008 Report

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the parishioners at St. Joseph's for your generosity in helping the poor during 2008. With your contributions of \$35,333 this year, were able to help more than 75 households. Our contributions to their needs included: \$3,000 for groceries; \$4,300 for housing assistance; more than \$13,000 for utilities; and \$1,160 for other needs. In addition, we partnered with other parishes and provided \$14,753 to help them meet the needs of the poor in their areas. Our twinning partners include St. Matthew, Visitation, Blessed Theresa, and Sts. Teresa and Bridget parishes as well as the Criminal Justice Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul. In addition, this year we were able to help St. Laborious, Christ the King, and St. John's parishes meet the needs of the poor they serve.

Thank you for all your generous support.

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.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - January 18, 2009

The Year of St. Paul

(READ: Philippians 2:1-18)

meditation theme: Lord give me the grace to empty myself that others might be made full.

The jealousy and contentiousness of the unworthy preachers made Paul pause. How could men so lose sight of their true goal? The results were bound to be self-seeking, jealousy, irritability. Paul begged his Philippians to avoid this pitfall. If they wished to comfort him, he told them, then "fill up my joy by thinking alike, having the same charity with one soul and one mind." He knew what a huge difference love would make in their lives. "do nothing out of contentiousness, or out of vainglory, but in humility let each one regard others as his superiors, each one looking not to his own interests, but to those of others." It was a beautiful description of what love could do in enabling them to transcend self in order to be sensitive to the needs of others--sensitive and concerned!

Then Paul gave his most convincing argument for this beautiful ideal--he described to them the unforgettable self-giving of Jesus. "Have this mind in you," he said, "which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was by nature God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to be clung to, but emptied Himself, taking the nature of a slave and being made like unto men." It was a huge step to reach out to us. "And appearing in the form of man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even to death on a Cross!" Being concerned about our need for salvation meant paying a terrible price of sorrow and pain, of humiliation and death. But Jesus loved us. So He paid it. Paul rested his case.

Lord, professing Christianity doesn't make me a Christian. What does make a Christian is my living of the mystery of Your "kenosis"--Your "emptying of Yourself" that You might "seek and save that which was lost."

Lord, more than anything else in the world, I want to love as You love. Give the strength to empty myself for others--to sacrifice and honor, make any effort, forget my own needs and interests--that I might relieve the needs of others and heal their wounds--and redeem them in love.

Religious Education

R.C.I.A.

We would like to introduce Chris Thompson. Chris has been interested in converting to Catholicism, finally he decided to join us with some help from his friends. Chris grew up in St. Louis and now resides in Clayton near St. Joseph church. He works in sales.

PSR

January 18 and 19 classes are dismissed for Martin Luther King Day.

On January 25 the 8th grade will begin their Confirmation preparation with a Confirmation retreat in the parish hall, 8 a.m to 1 p.m.. with the Rite of Acceptance at 11 a.m mass. Students, parents and sponsors attend. Please call 314-727-9059 for details.

Readings for the Week Jan. 18, 2009

Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
Mon: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22
Tues: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c Mk 2:23-28
Wed: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4
Mk 3:1-6
Thur: Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17
Mk 3:7-12
Fri: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14
Mk 3:13-19
Sat: Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Ps 47:2-3,6-9
Mk 3:20-21
Sun: Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor
7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Mon., Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Break

1:00 pm Divine Will Prayer Group,
Madonna Rm
7:30 pm Adult Choir, Church

Tues., Jan. 20

7:00 pm RCIA, Madonna Rm

Fri., Jan. 23

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Sun., Jan. 25

8:30 am Confirmation Parent/Sponsor
Meeting & Retreat
9:30 am PSR, School
10:30 am CLW, PHC
11:00 am Rite of Acceptance - Grade 8

Sunday Worship

Jan. 24-25, 2008

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Meredith McMahon
Madeline McMahon

Reader/Lector
Rosemary Pickle

Extraordinary Ministers
Mary Molloy
Vic Schulte

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Adult Server

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson

Extraordinary Ministers
Florence Beckwar
Frank Hackmann

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan

Reader/Lector
Abby Schult

Extraordinary Ministers
Mary Carver
Carmen Leonardi

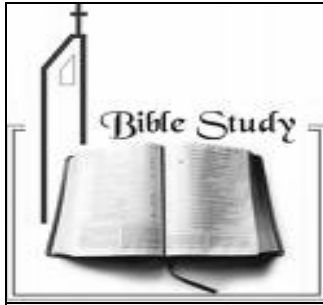
11:00 am

Altar Servers
Caitlin Lee
Danielle Lee

Reader/Lector
Roger Drone

Extraordinary Ministers
Carolyn Dickmann
Joe Dickmann
Marcella Leonardo
+Betty Tucker

+ Only when no deacon is present



GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

Do you want to read the Bible, but do not know how to begin?

“A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH the BIBLE”

Makes reading the Bible not only easy, but also exciting.

In this study, you will learn the major people, places, events, and themes of the Bible—getting the “big picture” of salvation history as well as an overview of the narrative story of the Bible. This then will make your Bible reading and even the Sunday Mass readings come alive like never before.

“A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH the BIBLE”

Is an eight-week program that will begin the week of February 8 and then continue throughout the season of Lent.

There will be four opportunities offered each week:

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am from **February 8 through March 29**
and

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm from **February 10 through March 31**
and

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm from **February 11 through April 1**
and

Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm **February 12 through April 2**

Please “register” using the form below

We must have all registrations in the office **by noon on JANUARY 25.**

YES, I DO want to participate in “A Quick Journey Through the Bible”

Name _____

Phone Number _____

I plan to attend the Sunday morning sessions.

I plan to attend the Tuesday afternoon sessions.

I plan to attend the Wednesday evening sessions.

I plan to attend the Thursday afternoon sessions.