

Mass Intentions

Dear Parishioners,

Every year the Archdiocese celebrates Catholic Schools. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has been abundantly blessed with so many wonderful Catholic schools. Many areas of our country are not as blessed as we are. Thanks to all who support Catholic education in our Archdiocese.

There are over 120 Catholic grade schools and 30 Catholic high schools to choose from, plus two Catholic colleges at Fontbonne and St. Louis University. In our Archdiocese there are also over a hundred P.S.R. programs, such as we have here at St. Joseph. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers both here at St. Joseph and throughout our Archdiocese for their dedicated ministry to our youth. The lessons learned at our schools help to enhance the faith that is lived in our homes.

I would like to particularly thank our parents, teachers and our DRE (Mrs. Venne-man) who are helping to prepare our children for the reception of the sacraments. This coming spring our eighth graders will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation while our second graders will receive their First Communion. Last week, at our 11:00 am Eucharist, our eighth graders proclaimed their desire to be confirmed, it was wonderful to witness to the faith of these students. I commend these young men and women and all our youth to you and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

This week we also remember the tenth anniversary of Pope John Paul II visit to our city. What a graced event it was for our faith community and city. In remembrance of this event let us all pray for our present Pope Benedict XVI and for our Archdiocese as we await a shepherd to guide us.



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.

Monday, Jan. 26

Timothy & Titus, bps
6:30 am
Fr. Raymond McCarthy
8:00 am
Jack Lemon
12:00 pm
Ann O'Brien

Tuesday, Jan. 27

6:30 am
Poor Souls
8:00 am
Dustin Hadley Griffin
12:00 pm
Helen Burgoon.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Thomas Aquinas,
priest, doctor
6:30 am
Jack Murphy
8:00 am
Robert Sicking
12:00 pm
Marjorie Hogan

Thursday, Jan. 29

6:30 am
Richard Goyer
8:00 am
Eugene Kilgen, Jr.
12:00 pm
Fr. Steve Egan

Friday, Jan. 30

6:30 am
Helene Schweitzer
8:00 am
Charles Fallert Fam.
12:00 pm
Special Int.

Saturday, Jan. 30
John Bosco, priest

8:00 am
Ellen & Ryan McCabe
5:00 pm
Virginia Schroeder

Sunday, Feb. 1

7:30 am
People of the Parish
9:00 am
David Canterbury
11:00 am
Robert H. Sicking

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health and comfort to:

Maryanne Dolan
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
Sr. Eleanor
Lois Laffey
Peggy Holmes
Vincentia Majka
Barbara Beauzethier

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

St. Joe's Seniors Center

Come help us celebrate St. Valentine's Day! We shall meet on Tuesday Feb. 10th, in the church hall, at the new time of 12:45 pm. Bring a friend and a gift to share while "Robbing Your Neighbor". RSVP to 726-1221.

Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)

Today is January 21 and we have not received our cards in the mail. We contacted the Respect for Life Office and were told the cards are coming from Washington, DC, going to all parishes in the country, so **may** be a bit later than expected.. They assured me that whenever they come there will still be time to fill them out, then our office will forward them to Washington. At that time 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. Joseph Knights Of Columbus Fish Dinner, Ash Wednesday February 25

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be cooking for you for the Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner. This year, in addition to the regular baked fish, they offer fried fish and shrimp and lots of choices of side dishes. There will also be a variety of desserts to choose from.

Mark February 25th in your calendar and come support the Knights in this effort.

NOTE: To help provide desserts, please call Steve at 225-9453.



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Anne Ryan, parishioner, Dustin Hadley Griffin**, father of Nat Griffin., and **Marsha Sanner Koeller**, daughter of Susan Sanner. May our Heavenly Father welcome **Ann, Dustin, and Marsha** into His eternal home and may He send the comfort only He can to their family and friends.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage in Christ between

Courtney Harashe & Andrew Gregory (I)

Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

Baptism

We welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family, through the Waters of Baptism, **Lillian Grace Lowery**, daughter of Patrick and Carlyn Lowery.

Congratulations to the Happy Family!



Please note:

Our St. Vincent de Paul Organization is changing their regular meeting day to the first Wednesday of the Month. The meeting place will still be the Church Hall, and the time will remain 7:30 p.m. If you are wanting to do good this year -- try this!

Lost and Found

Over the last few months we have gathered many items which were left in Church. Please call the Rectory at 726-1221, during business hours, to check on an item you are missing. We also have several Rosaries.

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 25, 2009

The Year of St. Paul

READ: Philippians 2:19:3:14

Meditation theme: Paul's vision of Jesus, for Whose sake he suffered the loss of all things.

Paul told the Philippians about his plans. He would send Timothy to them along with Epaphroditus. Paul could hardly mention Timothy's name without praising him. "For I have no one so life minded who is so genuinely solicitous for you. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ." It meant much to Paul to have a friend who would gladly and joyfully fulfill a mission, without grumbling or holding back. "Know his worth!" Paul told them, "as a child serves his father, so he has served with me in the spreading of the Gospel."

If anyone had a right to boast of his Jewish background it was Paul. Paul continues "the things that were gain for me, these, for the sake of Christ, I now counted as loss. I count everything as loss because of the excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ, my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I count them as nothing, that I may gain Christ ... so that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings; become like Him in death, in the hope that somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Few passages express more beautifully the divine exchange; the emptying of self in order to be filled with Jesus. Paul's value system had undergone a radical change. The things he had lived for, worked for, fought for, the honors which meant success for him, the distinction of being a Pharisee, a learned rabbi, a position which made men acknowledge his superior knowledge -- all these things, so precious before, now became as nothing. What Paul now desires and values is to know Jesus Christ and to love Him.

It was no easy task, this complete renewal, this entire new system of motivating values. It could not be accomplished without pain. Pain too, Paul sees as an imitation of Jesus. This dying would be a dying with Jesus and a resurrection with Jesus. You were his reason for being, his way of life. Everything else had no value, unless it brought Paul nearer to You, Jesus.

Religious Education

R.C.I.A.

We would like to introduce Roxanne Heintz. She has 3 daughters. She has visited and lived in several countries. She is retired navy. At this point in her life she is seeking spiritual guidance and understanding. After attending mass at St. Joseph's, she has decided to get to know the Catholic Church better.

PSR

In honor of Catholic Schools Week our Parish School of Religion (PSR) wishes to thank the St. Joseph Parish Community for making our very fine PSR a reality for so many families. Currently we have 203 students taught by 18 spirit filled catechists. God Bless St. Joseph Parish.

CLW

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is always in need of leaders. The Liturgy of the Word is presented in age appropriate language for the children. The commitment is one to three, 11 a.m. masses per school year. Call our D.R.E., Terri Venneman for details.

Confirmation

We wish to thank all those who made our 8th grade retreat possible: our priests, the Reap Team, our parents and sponsors, our catechist Shannon Phelps, our D.R.E. and staff.

We pray for our Confirmation class who will be Confirmed at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 3. Meghan Bach, Nora Buschman, John Cline, Sean Gallagher, Emily Gudmestad, Leah Hays, Matthew Johnson, Nina Lang, Jack Layden, Danielle Lee, Matthew Looby, Anna Macke, Meredith McMahon, Alex Meneses, Clare Misko, Jordan Moore, Mary Franaces Murray, Taylor O'Bien, Joseph Roddy, Kristen Rusbarsky, Denny Schultz.

Our First Eucharist parent meeting will be held in the parish hall at 5:30 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 9.

Sunday Worship

Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2009

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Maria Ryan

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson
Mary Molloy

Extraordinary Ministers

Ramon Floro
Mike Marks
+Vic Schulte

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Adult Volunteer

Reader/Lector
Greg Browne

Extraordinary Ministers

David Ahner
Florence Beckwar
+Frank Hackmann

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Dan Hoff

Reader/Lector
Joe Dickmann
Mary Joan Woods

Extraordinary Ministers

Terry Carmack
Mary Carver
+Susan Hackmann

11:00 am

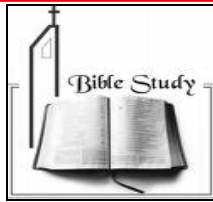
Altar Servers
John Miller

Reader/Lector
Carolyn Dickmann
Rosemary Pickle

Extraordinary Ministers

Anthony D'Agostino
Roger Drone
Carmen Leonardi

+ Only when no deacon is present



“A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH the BIBLE”

Makes reading the Bible not only easy, but also exciting. It 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**
 - Tuesday** afternoons at 2:00 pm from **February 10 through March 31**
 - Wednesday** evenings at 7:30 pm from **February 11 through April 1**
 - Thursday** afternoons at 2:00 pm **February 12 through April 2**
- Call **Terri Venneman at 727-9059** for more information.

Trivia Night March 7, 2009 at St. Joseph Church in the Church Hall

**Doors open 6:30 p.m., questions 7:00 p.m.
\$12.50 per person, tables of 8
Prizes for top three tables!
Call 727-9059 to sign up!**

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

- 7:00 pm RCIA, Madonna Rm

Friday, January 30

- 7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Sunday, February 1

- 9:30 am PSR, School
- 10:30 am CLW, PHC



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

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.

Readings for the Week of Jan. 25, 2009

- Sun: Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20
- Mon: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10 Mk 3:22-30
- Tues: Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2,4,7-8,10-11
Mk 3:31-35
- Wed: Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20
- Thur: Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6 Mk 4:21-25
- Fri: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40
Mk 4:26-34
- Sat: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41
- Sun: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

We are very happy to report that another of the military personnel we have been praying for has returned safely to the U.S. Let us give thanks for the safe return of John Sampson, brother of Elizabeth Sampson.

Join us in celebrating the year of St. Paul

On February 6-8th, **Little Flower Parish** will be hosting a Pauline Experience with the Daughters of St. Paul. The schedule is as follows:

February 6th from **7-9pm in church**: “Who is Saint Paul?” and “Why should I take part in Eucharistic Adoration?” followed by an opportunity to take part in our all-night adoration.

February 7th after 5pm Mass: A simple supper in the school hall from 6-7pm and then 7pm to 9pm in church: “Paul’s Journeys” and “How to take your own spiritual journey through the Scriptures.”

February 8th after 8am and 10:30 am Masses: Pauline book’s display and coffee and donuts.

Babysitting and a children’s program will be provided.