

Dear Parishioners,

As pastor of St. Joseph parish I would like to invite each of you to our parish mission, "Living Lent".

Father David Polek and Father Matthew Bonk, both members of the Redemptorist Order, will conduct this mission. This mission will consist of a series of presentations on the Word of God. Each day will be different, yet each will consist of a proclamation of the Word, reflections, and singing and praying together. It will be a grace-filled happening, an opportunity to experience in a special way the saving presence of God.

If you have abandoned the faith of your youth, the mission is for you. If you have been on again, off again in your faith practice, the mission is for you. If you have wondered what is going on in the Church today, the mission is for you. If you have been faithful to your faith, the mission is for you. If you need to know how to pray, the mission is for you. The mission is for everybody, but especially for you.

Our "Living lent" mission begins Sunday evening, March 1 at 7:00 PM. Mission services are also planned for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM. Each service should last about an hour and fifteen minutes and will be followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments.

Please join me in praying for the success of our mission for our parish family and plan now to share with me this very special, grace-filled time, as we grow in relationship with our God and each other.

God Bless,
Msgr. John Shamleffer

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us respond obediently to these words of Jesus by prescribing certain acts of penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Holy Father and the Bishops of the United States have set forth the following regulations of obligatory fast and abstinence:

Ash Wednesday (February 25, 2009) and Good Friday (April 10, 2009) are days of **abstinence** for all Catholics **over the age of 14**. On these two days, **fast**, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for **those from the ages of 18 to 59**. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, the obligation does not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Monday, Feb. 16

6:30 am

Hendricks Family

8:00 am

Fr. Justin Guiltname, SCJ

12:00 pm

Dustin Hadley Griffin

Tuesday, Feb. 17

6:30 am

Mary Ellen & Tom Powers

8:00 am

Eugene Kilgen, Jr.

12:00 pm

Anne Ryan

Wednesday, Feb. 18

6:30 am

Fr. Raymond McCarthy

8:00 am

Robert Sicking

12:00 pm

Charles Fallert Fam.

Thursday, Feb. 19

6:30 am

Helene Schweitzer

8:00 am

Poor Souls

12:00 pm

Moran Family Int.

Friday, Feb. 20

6:30 am

Tom Powers

8:00 am

Virginia Schroeder

12:00 pm

Fr. McDermott

Saturday, Feb. 21

8:00 am

Florence & A. J. Guth

5:00 pm

Joan Watson

Sunday, Feb. 22

7:30 am

Frank Beckwar

9:00 am

Victor N. Shalhoob

11:00 am

People of the Parish

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
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
Vincenttia Majka
Barbara Beauzethier

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

Lent Begins Wed., Feb. 25th
Ash Wednesday is February 25th. Masses for the day are at 6:30 & 8:00 a.m., 12:00, 12:10 and 5:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m., followed by Confession. The dates are March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, and 8. This traditional prayer of the church offers all the opportunity **to more deeply meditate on the Passion of Our Lord.** The Stations are visible signs of Christ's path which are available to us year round. We have come to overlook them week after week. Let us walk the Way of the Cross to Resurrection together this Lent.

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.

White House Retreat

The retreat begins March 5 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and ends March 8th after lunch at 2:00 p.m. For those interested, call Greg Browne at 726-6933.

Readings for the Week Feb. 15, 2009

Sun: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5,11
1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45
Mon: Gn 4:1-15,25 Ps 50:1,8,16bc-
17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13
Tues: Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Ps
29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10
Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Ps 116:12-
15,18-19 Mk 8:22-26
Thur: Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18,19-
23,29 Mk 8:27-33
Fri: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15
Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat: Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5,10-11
Mk 9:2-13
Sun: Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 Ps
41:2-5,13-14 2 Cor 1:18-22
Mk 2:1-12

Valentine's Day Weekend at St. Joseph

All are invited to a special Valentines reception immediately after all masses this weekend. Please join us for light refreshments and to meet your fellow parishioners. Even if you can only stay for a few minutes before you head out for your Valentines date with your sweetie or Sunday brunch, please drop by to say hello.

St. Joseph Trivia Night

March 7, 2009

St. Joseph Church
in the Church Hall

Doors open 6:30 p.m., questions 7 p.m.
\$12.50 per person, tables of 8
Prizes for top three tables!

Call 727-9059 to sign up!

Religious Education

PSR

President's Day Break: Sunday, February 15 and Monday, February 16.

We are happy to report that our recycling efforts saved 118 cubic yards of landfill and allowed us to give the St. Vincent de Paul Society \$88.50.

Adult Education

Websites of Interest: Scripture

www.catholic-resources.org A vast array of Bible resources collected by Jesuit Fr. Felix Just.

www.usccb.org/nab/bible/index.htm New American Bible on-line with a search engine.

www.salvationhistory.com/home.cfm
Resources for Bible study from Scott Hahn.

St. Joseph Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb. 16 -- No School

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

Tuesday, Feb. 17

2:00 pm Bible Study, MR
7:00 pm RCIA, Madonna Rm

Wednesday, Feb. 18

7:30 pm Bible Study, MR

Friday, Feb. 20

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Sunday, Feb. 22

9:30 am Bible Study, MR
9:30 am PSR, School
10:30 am CLW, PHC

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 15, 2009



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. Help is always appreciated. Call our D.R.E., at 314-727-9059 to volunteer.

A PARISH MISSION is a time for preaching. The message we come to preach is Christ crucified and Christ risen from the dead. It is a message of hope. We are not there to just get down on people and to tell them how terrible they are. We're there to call them to acknowledge their sinfulness and their need for God in their lives, to help them see what God is doing in their lives. The most important part of a mission is celebrating what God's grace is doing for us and celebrating Jesus Christ as our Savior.

The themes, symbols, topics and goals of the preaching and reflections and renewal are different each evening:

- Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. – The symbol this night is the Easter Candle, representing the risen Jesus, the Lord of light and healing. The topic is sin, reconciliation and healing, living the life of conversion. The goal is to be freed of the burden of our sinfulness and of past grudges and pains.
- We wish to thank Robert Briggs, our parishioner, of **I Love Signs**, for his generosity and efforts on our outdoor Parish Mission sign.

The Year of St. Paul

(READ: 1 Timothy 1:18; 6:21)

Meditation Theme: The grace, Lord, of deep reverence for each person.

In the epistle of the first Roman captivity, Paul displayed beautiful insights which came from his long period of contemplation. They reveal the exalted flights of spirit of Paul, the theologian and mystic, the Paul to whom the whole story of history was a huge canvas, portraying the story of salvation. In the Pastoral Epistles, Paul the missionary and pastor of souls, was now Paul the spiritual father and friend.

Paul warned Timothy against the heresies and novel doctrines which were leading some of the Christians to water down and destroy the true Faith. Paul gave Timothy practical directions for choosing good leaders (bishops, priests, deacons); wise advice in the care of the laity both old and young. For Timothy himself, Paul urged maturity and balance, urging him to hold fast to the primacy of the spiritual without despising the material things which God made. "For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected which is accepted with thanksgiving." Paul also encourages courage to the gentle, soft-spoken Timothy. "Command and teach these things. Let no man despise your youth, but be an example to the faithful in speech, in conduct, in charity, in faith, in chastity."

What a remarkable relationship and friendship there was between Paul and Timothy. The two men could hardly be more different from each other: one old and the other young, one forceful and unabashed by an audience, and the other shy, soft-spoken, almost timid. Yet we discover their deep love and friendship for each other. The key, next to the grace of God, is their reverence and respect for one another as persons. They both admired and accepted each other as they were.

What a team the old and young would make in spreading the Gospel today if we had this same mutual respect and reverence for each other! What a tremendous force for good from the combination of mature experience and youthful zeal, tried wisdom and brave daring!

Lord, teach me reverence. I don't have to cease to be myself-or do violence to my personality. But let me reverence the personality and qualities of others and join forces with them to spread the kingdom of love.

Sunday Worship

February 21-22, 2009

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Madeline McMahon
Meredith McMahon
Mariah Nunn

Reader/Lector
Bebe Kennedy

Extraordinary Ministers
Vic Schulte
Ramon Floro
+Mary Molloy

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Adult Volunteer

Reader/Lector
Jane Byrne

Extraordinary Ministers
David Ahner
Frank Hackmann
+Betty Torno

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan
Connor Mulligan

Reader/Lector
John Gillis

Extraordinary Ministers
Ruth Tredway
Susan Hackmann

11:00 am

Altar Servers
John Miller
Caitlyn Lee

Reader/Lector
Mary Molloy
Katharine Shapleigh

Extraordinary Ministers
Anthony D'Agostino
Roger Drone
Betty Tucker
Carolyn Dickmann

+ Only when no deacon is present



**St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus
Shrimp,
Baked or Fried Fish Dinner**

St. Joseph's-Clayton
106 N. Meramec Avenue
Call 726-1221 or Fax form to 721-5110

Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009
Serving dinners from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Catch a healthy, fun evening with the parish community.
Visit with old friends, meet new ones and share a delicious dinner.

Reservations preferred. Walk-ins welcome.
Carry-outs available.

Adults \$8.50 Children \$5.00 (12 years or younger)

Name _____

Tel. No _____

Please specify: Shrimp _____ Eat-in
Baked _____ Carry-out
Fried _____

No. of adults _____ No. of children _____

Total enclosed _____

*****Pick up carry-out orders in the church basement.*****

Please detach and return with payment to the Rectory Office,
106 N. Meramec, 63105, drop in the collection basket, or pay at the door.

Walk-ins Welcome!