

Dear Parishioners,

The Lenten season has traditionally been a time of healing and conversion. The Church has been graced with two sacraments of healing; that of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Here at St. Joseph we celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** weekdays from 11:30 – Noon, and on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm.. Also during this Lenten season we will be having confessions after the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's and after the Good Friday Services.

The Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**, the other healing sacrament, is an opportunity to encounter a God of compassion through the person of Jesus Christ. This sacrament is always available to anyone who is seriously ill, of advanced age, or is facing major surgery. This sacrament is a uniting of the sick person with the passion of Christ and is an opportunity for the whole community to pray with and for the sick person. I would like to invite all who wish to receive this healing sacrament to any of our weekend liturgies on March 21-22, where we will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament during our Masses.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone about our St. Joseph Day Party on Saturday, March 21 at 6 p.m. We will take this opportunity to celebrate our time with Fr. Charles Bisgrove and wish him a fond farewell. All are invited to celebrate our patron and our parish community.

Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

Good News -- a 2nd Fish Dinner By the Knights of Columbus!!!

We have been informed by Grand Knight Steve Topping that, by popular demand, we will offer a second fish dinner this Lent! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 3rd. Those who attended on Ash Wednesday enjoyed a wonderful meal in a fun, family atmosphere. Look forward to seeing you there!

Education Commission News

PSR: Spring Break Dates for PSR are March 22, 23 & 29.

Living Lent Parish Mission: We wish to thank Fr. Polek and Fr. Bonk for our Mission. It was fun, spiritual and enlivening. A big thank you to all those who made the mission so enjoyable.

R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. scrutinies begin this week at the 9 a.m. mass.



Can you lend a hand OR loan us some tools to help us celebrate the feast of St. Joseph next week in a special way? We will start work on a wheelchair ramp at 7431 Saleen Ct. on Monday, March 16! (We have a labor pool of 25 Clemson U students led by the St. Vincent de Paul Good Works team.) On Mon. we will need additional power saws, saw horses, posthole diggers, shovels and extension cords. On Tuesday we will need additional wheelbarrows, and shovels. On Wednesday we will need a clean-up crew. For information call 862-0809.

Proposition S Informational Meeting

Parishioners and Old Town residents are invited to attend an informational meeting sponsored by 'Citizens for Clayton'. The meeting will be held Monday, March 16th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. **Proposition S** is a \$51 million bond issue that will be placed before Clayton voters Tuesday, April 7, 2009. Citizens for Clayton Schools has created a website with information at <http://www.voteyesons.net>

Monday, Mar. 16

6:30 am

Tom Hunkins

8:00 am

Rita Maloney

12:00 pm

Sr. Paula Marie Int.

Tuesday, Mar. 17

6:30 am

Frank & Joanne Flynn

8:00 am

Poor Souls

12:00 pm

Vera C. Welch

Wednesday, Mar. 18

6:30 am

Rick Slais Int.

8:00 am

Mary Catherine
Ciarniello

12:00 pm

Tom Hunt

Thursday, Mar. 19
Joseph, husband of
The Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am

Fr. Raymond McCarthy

8:00 am

Sr. Barbara Guckenheim

12:00 pm

Bernardo-Reyes Families

Friday, Mar. 20

6:30 am

Tom Powers

8:00 am

Robert H. Sicking

12:00 pm

Nicetas Bernardo

Saturday, Mar. 21

8:00 am

Angela Ippolito

5:00 pm

Lucas K. Harris

Sunday, Mar 22

7:30 am

People of the Parish

9:00 am

Marian Clear

11:00 am

Pedro & Eden Roble

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

*May God provide health
and comfort to:*

Mary Maloney
Mary Slais
Bruce Hagen
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
Vincentia Majka
Barbara Beauzethier

Welcome to St. Joseph – Clayton, Missouri

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH: OUR PATRON March 19

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He planned to divorce Mary, according to the law, but he was concerned for her suffering and safety. He knew that women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he decided to divorce her quietly and not expose her to shame or cruelty (Matthew 1:19-25).

We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son, for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

We are blessed here at St. Joseph with wonderful Stain-glasses windows that depict important events in the life of Joseph and the Holy Family. May the example of Joseph also help to guide each of us in our loving care for our God and each other.

Prayer:

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen.



**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 Baghdad.

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



**PRAY
FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED**

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.

The Year of St. Paul

READ: 2 Timothy: 4: 1-18 and Romans 8: 35-39

Meditation: Lord give the grace to be another Paul.

Paul closed his last epistles asking Timothy to bring Mark with him to Rome. It was a most gracious gesture. In this way Paul was taking back what he had said about Mark after their first missionary journey. Mark would always know that Paul had recognized his qualities as a splendid missionary.

Luke too would have a special memory to cherish. "Luke only is with me". This summed up the months of faithful devotion and solicitude which Luke had shown Paul.

Then one morning Paul heard, approaching, the tramp of a small detail of soldiers. They led him outside the prison and the city. There Paul's back was stripped and he received the last of his many floggings. Paul's neck was exposed to a soldier who stood over him with drawn sword. Paul thought of Stephen. "Lord Jesus, receive my soul." The sword came down quickly and the frail body collapsed in a pool of blood. The great soul of Paul went home to God.

Lord, humanly speaking, this scene is ghastly. Yet, Lord, we can sense nothing except a wonderful sense of relief. After his endless journeys and sleepless nights, after his suffering, his struggles, his last loneliness, death was a release! "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? ... In all these things we overcome because of Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!"

Lord, Paul's work is done. Lord, Your work is not! As long as there is a soul You have not reached, a person who has not known your love, you will need other Pauls. Fire Your Church with his spirit. In flame me with an awareness of all that has to be done for those who are still groping for You in darkness and loneliness. In the end of my life give me a glorified Spirit for having served You.

**Readings for the Week
March 15, 2009**

Sun: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11
1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3,43:3-4
Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-
5b,6,7bc,8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-
16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thur: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-
5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
Fri: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b
Lk 18:9-14
Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Ps 137:1-6
Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, March 16

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, March 17

2:00 pm Bible Study, Madonna Rm

Wednesday, March 18

5:30 pm Stations followed by Confession
7:30 pm Bible Study, Madonna Rm

Friday, March 20

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Saturday, March 21

Anointing of the Sick at 5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm St. Joseph Day Celebration in Hall

Sunday, March 22

Anointing of the Sick at All Masses
St. Joseph Celebration - Donuts in Hall
After All Masses
9:30 am Bible Study, Madonna Rm

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Madeline McMahon
Meredith McMahon
Madison Ungucta

Lector

Rosemary Pickle

Extraordinary Ministers

Vic Schulte
Mary Molloy
+Mike Marks

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Dan Hoff
Reid & Will Cytron

Lector

Paul Watson

Extraordinary Ministers

Florence Beckwar
Jane Byrne
+David Ahner

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan

Reader/Lector
Abby Schult

Extraordinary Ministers

Marcella Leonardo
Carmen Leonardi
+Ruth Tredway

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Caitlyn & Danielle Lee
Cathy Salarano

Reader/Lector
Roger Drone
Tom Misko

Extraordinary Ministers

Carolyn Dickmann
Joe Dickmann
Thom Schwetye
+Pierce Powers

+ Only when no deacon is present

Skilled And Unskilled Volunteers Are Needed

Habitat For Humanity

Build 2009

We need able-bodied men and women, **age 16 and older**, willing to help less fortunate people achieve the benefits and responsibilities of home ownership

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SUBMIT IT BY MARCH 27

*YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO COMPLETE THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAIVER
(it will be emailed or mailed to you)*

Name of Volunteer/Family Contact: _____

Additional Family Volunteers: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Family is volunteering as a group: _____ YES _____ NO

Please check the days you can work. You will be notified by April 10 of your scheduled days and any organizational information.

<input type="checkbox"/> Prebuild	<input type="checkbox"/> May 3 (Sun.)	<input type="checkbox"/> June 27 (Sat.)
<input type="checkbox"/> April 18 (Sat.)	<input type="checkbox"/> May 9 (Sat.)	<input type="checkbox"/> July 25 (Sat.)
<input type="checkbox"/> May 1 (Fri.)	<input type="checkbox"/> May 16 (Sat.)	<input type="checkbox"/> July 31 (Fri.)
<input type="checkbox"/> May 2 (Sat.)	<input type="checkbox"/> June 20 (Sat.)	<input type="checkbox"/> August 1 (Sat.)
		Dedication

OR

_____ I cannot commit to a specific date at this time, but I would be interested in receiving emails checking my availability throughout the build.

Skill Level

_____ I am not very skilled but would be happy to serve as a safety monitor or tool shed helper
_____ Willing to learn – knows the right end of a hammer and is not afraid to use a shovel
_____ Semi-skilled – an accomplished do-it-yourself EXCEPT for power tools
_____ Skilled – accomplished do-it-yourselfer who is at ease with power tools
_____ I know how to run a table saw

If you have any questions please call Betsy Sampson (314) 725-3380

Send form to:

St. Joseph's Parish
Attn: Habitat Build
106 N. Meramec
Clayton MO 63015