

Dear Parishioners:

As we begin this New Year and embark on a new decade Father Tom, and I wish you a Holy, Blessed and healthy 2010. 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.

Thank you also for all your many gifts and words of gratitude that you have expressed to Father Tom and me this past year, they are greatly appreciated.

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, a big Thank You to our many ministers, choir members and our Altar Society for all your 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

Please Help Me Update Our List of Those in Need of Prayers...

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.

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.

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.



**Roses for Life
Sponsored by
St. Joseph
Knights of Columbus**

This weekend members of the Knights of Columbus are again providing "Roses for Life." 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.

Monday, Jan. 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
6:30 am
Virginia Schroeder
12:00 pm
John O'Brien

Tuesday, Jan. 5
St. John Neumann, bp
8:00 am
Maloney Family
12:00 pm
William O'Brien

Wednesday, Jan. 6
6:30 am
Carolyn English
12:00 pm
Laura Fox

Thursday, Jan. 7
8:00 am
Marilyn Taylor
12:00 pm
Mary Lois Holland

Friday, Jan. 8
6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
Patricia Phelps

Saturday, Jan. 9
8:00 am
Jolly Nouss
5:00 pm
Michael McDonald

Sunday, Jan. 10
The Baptism of The Lord
7:30 am
People of the Parish
9:00 am
Mary Elizabeth Moloney
11:00 am
Phoebe Griffin

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health and comfort to:

Don Williams
Patricia Mahmood
Steve Theby
Kathy Masters
Marie Meyer
Fr. Frank Cleary
Mary Ann Dolan
Frank Timmers
Joe Loebach
Elaine & John Edwards
Ruth Tredway
Mary Slais
Fr. Gerry Kleba
Mary Lee Rovira
Mildred Fraser
Barbara Lindsay
Joan Wilson
Sean O'Connor
Michael Phelps
Lynn Burch
Joseph Niedbalski
Naomi Carmody
Richard Vance
LaVerne Safron
Susie Taff
Sr. Eleanor
Lois Laffey
Peggy Holmes
Vincenttia Majka
Barbara Beauzethier

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

St. Joe's Seniors Center

St. Joseph Senior Corner:
Our January luncheon will be held on the 12th, at 12:45 pm in the church hall. Join us for good food, good conversation, and good fun. As always, bring friend and a gift to share for "Rob Your Neighbor".



2010 MARCH FOR LIFE

Last chance to sign up to go on the 37th Annual National March for Life which takes place from January 21-23 in Washington, D.C. Join thousands of pro-lifers from all over the U.S. who are there to speak up in support of LIFE!

To sign up call 314-434-4900 or visit <http://www.missourilife.org/> Last day to sign up is January 7th.

Parish Council Meeting Reminder

Just a short note to remind members of the Parish Council that our first meeting of 2010 will be this Thursday, January 7th, 7:00 pm in the Madonna Room. If you are unable to attend please call the office at 726-1221.

Olan Mills Announcement

Some parishioners were very pleased with the results of their photo shoot. Others did not have such a good experience. We have contacted our Olan Mills Representative and he has arranged to offer to re-shoot photos for those who were not satisfied, and open sign-ups for those who were not able to participate but wanted to. They promise **absolutely no pressure to buy, and satisfaction guaranteed**. Please, let's give them a second chance. And, if you didn't have your photo taken -- reconsider -- let's make this a directory to be proud of. We were disappointed in the number of parishioners who did not think this was important. We need to be able to identify our parishioners by names and faces. You don't have to buy anything, just sign, show up and have your photo taken.

Education News

PSR: Classes resume Monday, January 4 and Sunday, January 10.

First Reconciliation for the Second Grade will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in church.

Martin Luther King Day Break: January 17 and 18.

Confirmation Retreat: January 24, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Students, sponsors and parents attend. The Rite of acceptance is a 11 a.m. Mass.

Teens: All teens are welcome at 7 p.m. on Mondays in the parish hall cove. Call 781-8650 for information.

R.C.I.A. Sessions resume January 5. Carr Worland will cover the Sacraments and Sacramentals.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

In a few weeks we will be renewing subscriptions for the St. Louis Review. In 2009 St. Joseph paid approximately \$5,000 to send the St. Louis Review to families who did not pay for it.

If you do not wish to receive the St. Louis Review, please fill out the form below and return to the parish office. Thank you for your help.

Please do not send me the Review:

Name _____
Address _____

Olive Wood Carvings From Holy Land Jan. 9 & 10

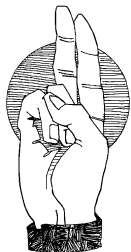
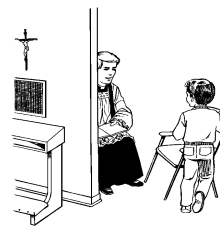
We would like to invite every one to come and take a look at the beautiful hand carved olive wood artwork brought to us by Blest Art, Inc. These pieces are created by artisans in the Holy Land. They will be available to buy on Jan. 9 & 10, 2010. If you like anything, please consider purchasing it because the people who chose to stay in the Holy Land to protect our holy sites need your help and support.



Year for Priests

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
we need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of friendship,
we seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
and the hands of a king on his throne
are not equal to them in their
greatness; their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander
to pathways of shame and sin,
it's the hand of a priest that will absolve us---
not once, but again and again;
And when we are taking life's partner,
other hands may prepare us a feast,
but the hand that will bless and unite
us is the beautiful hand of a priest.
God bless them and keep them all holy
for the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better than
to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us
may our courage and strength be increased,
by seeing raised over us in anointing
the Beautiful hands of a Priest!



Birthright Heaven and Earth program at St. Joseph's

Next weekend our Pro-Life Committee will be at the church entrances after all the Masses to distribute baby bottles to all willing takers. Wherever you keep your spare change, and any bills you can spare, now is the time to pour it into your baby bottle. It could be a good way to start the New Year by cleaning up some of the clutter. Liz, our "adopted" Birthright Heaven and Earth mother, will surely appreciate our generosity in helping with the expenses of her pregnancy. Our Pro-Life Committee will collect your filled bottles after the Masses on the first weekend in February. So in the spirit of a 7th grader named Trevor, let's 'pay it forward'.

Let us as a parish family pray that every parent who struggles alone to raise children may find support and community within our Church:

"When the family is weakened, it is inevitably children who suffer. If the dignity of women and mothers is not protected, it is the children who are affected most."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, "Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace," Jan. 1, 2010.

We are thankful that Liz and women like her are choosing life as our faith calls us to do:
I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live... (Dt 30:19)

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Meredith McMahon
Madison Ungacta

Reader/Lector
Mary Molloy

Ministers of Communion
Vic Schulte
Therese Macan
+Ramon Floro

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Will Cytron

Reader/Lector
Frank Hackmann

Ministers of Communion
Annette Cytron
Stuart Cytron
+Florence Beckwar

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Sean Gallagher

Reader/Lector
Mary Lee Rovira

Ministers of Communion
Roy Blair
John Gillis
+Stephanie Gallagher

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Emily Looby
Andrew Looby

Reader/Lector
Pat Devereux
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Julie Gerwitz
+Carmen Leonardi

+ Only when no deacon is present

Valentine Day of Renewal

Sunday, February 14, 2010! Don't give flowers this year. Instead, give three hours that will inspire you with the power of the human spirit, the grace of God, and the joy of rediscovering love! The day will include a 3-hour workshop given by John O'Leary. Re-Ignite Your Marriage! Will help you rediscover why you fell in love and how the best in your relationship is yet to come. Workshop is followed by Mass with renewal of vows celebrated by Msgr. Richard Hanneke, and a special candlelight dinner. Cost of the entire day is \$75 per couple. Workshop only is \$30. Location: Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. For reservations, call Gail McDonough at 314-792-7178 or e-mail Gailmcd@archstl.org by February 8, 2010.



January **St. Joseph Bridge** will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 6:30 p.m., in the Church basement. We look forward to an evening of "good cards".

Attention Catholic Singles 21-45

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club invites you to our Eat and Greet at Brunswick Zone in Valley Park Fri., Feb. 5th at 6:30 PM. We will have food available as well. For more info, contact Steve at 314-966-0724.



Thank you to all the children who made the Christmas Pageant possible and to their parents for their support. Our participants: were Margaret

Beimdiek, Cama Collins, Catherine Hoff, Hadley Josse, Margaret Mulligan, Teddy, Jonah & Sam Paniagua, JJ & Josie Pratl, Marina & Jalen Riad, Ellie & Katherine Rice, Katie Stujenske, Ben Vines, and Sophie & Avery Walbrandt.

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-12a
Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10-13
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b
Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30
Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16,21-22



Begin the New Year by spending some very special time with Our Lord. St. Joseph Church offers the opportunity for private, personal prayer with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, Monday through Thursday mornings following the early mass until the noon mass. Give yourself the best gift you can. You may sign up as a regular or come with no obligation to anyone -- other than yourself and Jesus.

The Eucharist is an unfathomable gift of divine love. When we consistently spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist, we discover that our ways of thinking, acting, and loving gradually become more and more Christ-like. We glimpse Jesus' own relationship with the Father and the Spirit--and we begin to enter into the inner life of the Trinity, embraced in their eternal communion of Love. Having discovered that in Christ we are God's beloved, we begin to fully live out our call to bring our world into deeper communion with Jesus and, in him, with the Father and the Spirit.



Please pray for all men and women serving our country in the armed forces.

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, January 4

1:00 pm Prayer Group, Madonna Rm
5:15 pm PSR, School
7:00 pm HS PSR, PHC
7:30 pm Adult Choir, Church

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 pm RCIA, Madonna Rm
7:30 pm St. Vincent dePaul, Parish Hall Cove

Wednesday, January 6

6:00 pm Knights & Dames of Malta Rosary, Church
7:00 pm Baptism Class, Madonna Rm

Thursday, January 7

7:00 pm Parish Council, Madonna Rm

Friday, January 8

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Saturday, January 9

Pro-Life Committee distributing Baby Bottles
Olive Wood Goods for Sale

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9:30 am PSR, School
11:00 am CLW, Church