

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 37th 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 has happened by Congress passing this past year 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.

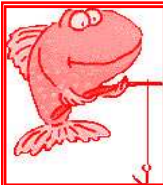
God Bless!
Mgr. John Shamleffer

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.

Help Update the Prayer List

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.



PLEASE HOLD THIS DATE: Feb. 17 - Annual Fish Dinner

The Fish Dinner is the start of Lent--and what a tasty start. It's really a Big Dinner in the Church Hall. By Saturday we can come back to the Church Hall to see if the Brain food (Fish) really works for Trivia Answers. See You There!

Monday, Jan. 18

6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
John Menke

Tuesday, Jan. 19

8:00 am
Robert Sicking
12:00 pm
Robert Phillips

Wednesday, Jan. 20

6:30 am
Mae Cella
12:00 pm
Marsha Sanner Koeller

Thursday, Jan. 21
St. Agnes,
virgin and martyr

8:00 am
Sr. Georgia Schroeder
12:00 pm
Jeff Braun

Friday, Jan. 22

6:30 am
Virginia Schroeder
12:00 pm
Patricia Phelps

Saturday, Jan. 23

8:00 am
Charles Fallert & Fam.
5:00 pm
Lois Holland

Sunday, Jan. 24

7:30 am
People of the Parish
9:00 am
Christy (Butch) Berg
11:00 am
Bruce Hagen

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health and comfort to:

Lillian Eck
Don Williams
Patricia Mahmood
Steve Theby
Kathy Masters
Marie Meyer
Fr. Frank Cleary
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
Maria Guehlstorf
William Kredo
Kathleen Valenta
John Schweiss

Welcome to St. Joseph – Clayton, Missouri

Olan Mills --Dates for Re-takes February 26 & 27

Please, let's give Olan Mills a second chance to make you happy with your photo taken for our directory. If you didn't have your photo taken -- reconsider -- let's make this a directory to be proud of. We need to be able to identify our parishioners by names and faces--and you will find it a big help too! Call the Rectory to schedule a time for your photo, 726-1221. Olan Mills is very anxious to make this right.

You don't have to buy anything unless you want to. Just sign-up, show up and have your photo taken.

Education News

PSR:

Martin Luther King Day Break: January 17 and 18, no classes.

Confirmation Class Retreat: Sunday, January 24, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Parents, sponsors, and students attend.

There will be a Rite of Acceptance at the 11 a.m. Mass.

First Reconciliation was celebrated by 31 students and their families on January 13.

R.C.I.A.

The topic for January 19 is the Eucharist. The presenter is Msgr. John Shamleffer.

We have 6 candidates. We would like to introduce Lin Yang. She is engaged to Donny Carver. Mary Carver, her soon to be Mother-in-Law, will be her sponsor. She is a medical student.

On February 16th at 7PM at the Rigali Center Chapel, Archbishop Carlson will celebrate a special Mass for those experiencing **Infertility**. Valentine refreshments will follow in the Lally Room. Come celebrate this feast of Christ's love for you and take this opportunity to meet Archbishop Carlson. Reservations are not necessary - more information can be obtained by calling (314) 997-7576 or e-mailing melissa.barnason@mercy.net

Marriage Encounter Sweetheart Mass and Dance:

All encountered couples are invited to attend the Mass and dance on Sat., Feb. 13, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Maplewood. The Mass starts at 6:00 with the dance following. Cost is \$25 per couple at the door, although couples who have previously attended a M.E. Weekend and do not belong to a Community, and couples who are considering attending a M.E. Weekend can come for free! Call 314-968-8027 for reservations.

Pro Life News

The Democratic leadership in Congress has elected to bypass the accepted conference process – where both Houses of Congress work together to craft a final bill – and are instead working out a secret deal behind closed doors....(we want to) ensure that every member of Congress understands the deviously-written abortion language in the Senate bill and knows that this language is contrary to what the vast majority of Americans want. A recent national Quinnipiac University poll found that 72% of voters don't want public funding for abortion in the bill, and yet Congress continues to ignore the will of the American people.... if we all continue to put pressure on Washington, we *will* win this battle for life. (*LifeNews.com 1/13/10*)

Continue to pray for an ethical process and outcome!

Year for Priests --

Pray for Vocations

Please pray with us for an increase in vocations to the ordained ministry and the consecrated life:

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound:

Come, follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice.

Support your bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness.

Lord, SEND WORKERS TO YOUR HARVEST

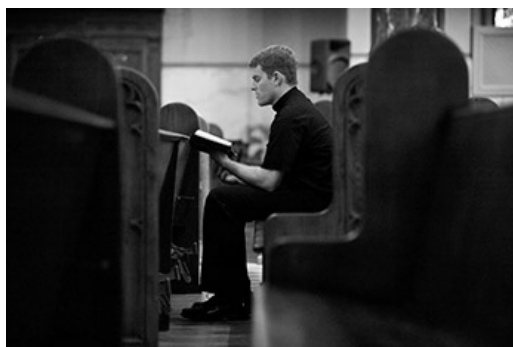
and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

(Pope John Paul II)



Sunday Worship

January 23-24, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Sean Gallagher
Connor Gallagher

Reader/Lector
Rosemary Pickle

Ministers of Communion
Mary Molloy
Stephanie Gallagher
+Mike Marks

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Will Cytron

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Stuart Cytron
+Annette Cytron

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan

Reader/Lector
Abby Schult

Ministers of Communion
Terry Carmack
Mary Carver
+John Gillis

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Danielle Lee
Caitlyn Lee

Reader/Lector
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Thom Schweteye
+Shannon Hadley

+ Only when no deacon is present

Birthright Heaven and Earth program

Thanks to all who took a baby bottle home to fill up with loose change last weekend for Liz and all the Birthright Heaven and Earth expectant mothers. If you did not get a bottle and would still like to help, extra bottles can be found at the Church entrances. The pro life committee will keep you updated on the progress of our birth mother, Liz. God bless you for all you do for life.

St. Louis Review Subscription Time

Ten Good Reasons to Subscribe to the Review:

For only \$23 a year, the *St. Louis Review* provides the following:

- A tool to learn about your faith and be informed about what's going on in the local Catholic community
- Information about your children's schools and their parishes
- Catholic news from around the world
- The Archbishop's column
- The children's page, which will help your grade school age children grow in their faith
- Stories about Catholics and how their faith affects the lives they lead
- The unfiltered truth about Catholic newsworthy items that you might have seen in secular media
- Ask a Priest section where Catholics ask questions about things they don't understand or are confused about
- Information about events around the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- Movie reviews

Week of January 17, 2010

Sun: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 Jn 2:1-11
Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23
Mk 2:18-22
Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28
Mk 2:23-28
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10
Mk 3:1-6
Thur: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13
Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19
Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7
Mk 3:20-21
Sun: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15
1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Day

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

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 pm RCIA, Madonna Rm

Friday, January 22

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Sunday, January 24

Catholic Schools Week Begins

8:30 am Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Retreat, PH
9:30 am PSR, School
11:00 am CLW, Church
11:00 am 8th Grade Rite of Acceptance, CH

St. Joseph Trivia Night

February 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

in the Parish Hall

\$12.50 per person

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Call 727-9059 to sign up or just come!

Trivia Night Reservations

Name _____ **Telephone #** _____

Number of reserved places _____ **Total amount enclosed** _____

Please detach and return with payment to the Religious Education Office or put in an envelope and drop in the collection basket.