

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, one at Fontbonne and one at 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. Venneman) 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. This Sunday, at our 11:00 am Eucharist, our eighth graders will proclaim their desire to be confirmed. It has always been 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*

**St. Joseph Knights Of Columbus  
Fish Dinner, Ash Wednesday  
February 17**

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will prepare the Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner.

They will be offering baked fish, fried fish and shrimp with lots of side dishes to choose from. There will also be a variety of delicious desserts!

Mark February 27th in your calendar and come support the Knights in this effort.

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



**St. Joseph-Kenrick Seminary**

**Capital Campaign** is in its final week, please return your pledge card, we need to hear from everyone.

We accept cash, check or stock, whatever works for you! We have a special form at the Rectory if you would like to give a stock donation -- it gives you all the answers you need.

Whatever you can do will be very appreciated and is much needed.



**Mother Teresa on abortion**

In February 1997, in her remarks at the White House Prayer Breakfast, with President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton -- two unwavering supporters of abortion -- Mother Teresa laid out her case clearly.

**"What is taking place in America is a war against the child,"** she said.

**"And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another."**

**Rest in Peace**

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Ruth Tredway**. May our Heavenly Father welcome **Ruth** into His eternal home and may He send the comfort only He can to her family and friends.

**Monday, Jan. 25**  
The conversion of  
Saint Paul, apostle

6:30 am  
Ruth Tredway

12:00 pm  
Veronica Ann Wells

**Tuesday, Jan. 26**  
St. Timothy and  
St. Titus, bishops

8:00 am  
Jack Lemon

12:00 pm  
Sr. Georgia Schroeder

**Wednesday, Jan. 27**

6:30 am  
Poor Souls

12:00 pm  
Charles Fallert & Fam.

**Thursday, Jan. 28**  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest & doctor of  
The Church

8:00 am  
Ruth Tredway

12:00 pm  
Tom O'Brien

**Friday, Jan. 29**

6:30 am  
Helene Schweitzer

12:00 am  
Patricia Phelps

**Saturday, Jan. 30**

8:00 am  
Bruce Hagen

5:00 pm  
Lois Holland

**Sunday, Jan. 31**

7:30 am  
Tom & Nora Pullen

9:00 am  
People of the Parish

11:00 am  
Pedro & Eden Roble

## We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health and comfort to:

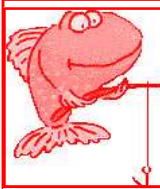
Lillian Eck  
Judy Williams  
Don Williams  
Patricia Mahmood  
Steve Theby  
Kathy Masters  
Marie Meyer  
Fr. Frank Cleary  
Joe Loebach  
Elaine & John Edwards  
Mary Slais  
Fr. Gerry Kleba  
Mary Lee Rovira  
Mildred Fraser  
Barbara Lindsay  
Joan Wilson  
Sean O'Connor  
Michael Phelps  
Lynn 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.



### **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!

### Education News

#### **PSR**

We begin Catholic Schools Week with our 8th grade retreat.

#### **R.C.I.A.**

The topic for January 26 is Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. You are welcome to join us.

This week we want to introduce you to Candidate Rick Shepherd. Rick is a broker. He recently moved to St. Louis after living in five cities in seven years. Rick will be married in October, 2010. He is becoming Catholic so the family can practice their faith together. He has run 3 marathons so far.

### St. Joe's Seniors Center

Celebrate St. Valentine's Day with us! We shall meet Tuesday February 9th at 12:45 pm in the church hall. Bring a friend and a Valentine gift to share. RSVP 726-1221.

### 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. Umbrella? Glasses? Lots of stuff!

### St. Louis Review Subscription Time

For **only \$23 a year**, the *St. Louis Review* provides these plus much more:

- A tool to learn about your faith and be informed about what's going on in the local Catholic community
- 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

### **Year for Priests-- Vatican: Priests need "vital food of prayer"**

Vatican City -- Without a daily diet of personal prayer, Catholic priests risk falling spiritually ill and endangering the well-being of the communities they serve, a top Vatican official said.

"Truly, without the vital food of prayer the priest becomes sick, the disciple does not find the strength to follow the Master, and thus dies of hunger. As a consequence his flock is scattered and dies in its own turn," said Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, head of the Congregation for Clergy.

His comments came in the latest in a series of periodic letters published by his congregation to mark the Vatican-sponsored Year for Priests, which began in June 2009 and concludes in June 2010.

Cardinal Hummes encouraged priests to see themselves as shepherds who must always be strong to protect their flock.

He began by quoting fourth-century theologian St. John Chrysostom, who wrote, "The devil attacks the shepherd. In fact, if by killing the sheep the flock is reduced, by instead eliminating the shepherd he will destroy the entire flock."

Cardinal Hummes offered for priests the model of Moses, who was "found with his arms raised to heaven in prayer so that the people will not perish." When a priest truly prays, the cardinal said, his daily ministry will be filled with joy and happiness and he will not risk dying of spiritual hunger.

Cardinal Hummes also encouraged Catholics to pray for their priests who he said "need to be strengthened by the prayer of the Church and of every Christian."

### **Birthright Heaven and Earth News**

Thanks to all of you. 198 people took home baby bottles for Birthright. Some people have already turned in their bottles.

If you still need one, please see the church secretary at the rectory during business hours. The rectory will also accept your filled bottles if you want to turn them in before the collection dates. Bottles will be collected the first weekend in February.

We will keep you posted on how our Birthright mother, Liz, is doing.



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

#### *You Have First Loved Me*

I adore you, Jesus, true God and true man, present here in the Holy Eucharist. United in spirit with all the faithful on earth and all the saints in heaven, I humbly kneel before you, in deepest gratitude for so great a blessing. I love you, my Jesus, with my whole heart, for you have first loved me.

May I never offend you by my lack of love.  
May your Eucharistic presence completely refresh me and lead me toward heaven.  
Mary, Mother of our Eucharistic Lord, pray for me and obtain for me a greater love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Amen

### **Health Care Reform**

Congress continues to debate health care reform. Last weekend you received a special bulletin insert from the U.S. Bishops' Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately asking them to oppose abortion funding and improve conscience protection, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and access to health care for immigrants. The bulletin insert included a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. Additional copies of the insert can be found at the church entrances. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will protect the lives, dignity, conscience and health of all. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

### **Sunday Worship**

January 30-31, 2010

#### **5:00 pm**

*Altar Servers*  
Meredith McMahon  
Madison Ungacta

*Reader/Lector*  
Rosemary Pickle

*Ministers of Communion*  
Peter Smith  
Ramon Floro  
+Mike Marks

#### **7:30 am**

*Altar Servers*  
Connor Mulligan

*Reader/Lector*  
Jane Byrne

*Ministers of Communion*  
Frank Hackmann  
David Ahner  
+Colleen Malone

#### **9:00 am**

*Altar Servers*  
Maria Ryan

*Reader/Lector*  
Abby Schult

*Ministers of Communion*  
Mary Carver  
Susan Hackmann  
+Terry Carmack

#### **11:00 am**

*Altar Servers*  
Sean Gallagher  
Connor Gallagher

*Reader/Lector*  
Roger Drone

*Ministers of Communion*  
Stephanie Gallagher  
Julie Gerwitz  
+Carmen Leonardi

+ Only when no deacon is present

## Week of January 24, 2010

Sun: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15 | Cor 12:12-30  
Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21  
Mon: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1bc,2 Mk 16:15-18  
Tues: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10 Mk 3:31-35  
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5,27-30 Mk 4:1-20  
Thur: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29 Ps 132:1-5,11-14 Mk 4:21-25  
Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17 Ps 51:3-7,10-11  
Mk 4:26-34  
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41  
Sun: Jer 1:4-5,17-19 Ps 71:1-6,15,17 | Cor 12:31-13:13

## Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

### Monday, January 25

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

### Tuesday, January 26

7:00 pm RCIA, Madonna Rm

### Friday, January 29

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

### Sunday, January 31

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

## 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.

# 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.

Tables of 8

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.