

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Benedict has designated Thursday, February 11, as World Day For the Sick. It is a day to remember, pray for and with, those who are ill or infirmed in our world. Jesus is often found in the Gospels healing the sick in body or mind who came before him. It was not a sign of his power but an act of love and compassion.

Pope Benedict states:

Sickness inevitably brings with it a moment of crisis and sober confrontation with one's own personal situation. Advances in the health sciences often provide the means necessary to meet this challenge, at least with regard to its physical aspects. Human life, however, has intrinsic limitations, and sooner or later it ends in death. This is an experience to which each human being is called, and one for which he or she must be prepared. Despite the advances of science, a cure cannot be found for every illness, and thus, in hospitals, hospices and homes throughout the world we encounter the sufferings of our many brothers and sisters who are incurably and often terminally ill. In addition, many millions of people in our world still experience unsanitary living conditions and lack access to much-needed medical resources, often of the most basic kind, with the result that the number of human beings considered "incurable" is greatly increased.

Here I would like to encourage the efforts of those who work daily to ensure that the incurably and terminally ill, together with their families, receive adequate and loving care. The Church, following the example of the Good Samaritan, has always shown particular concern for the infirm. Through her individual members and institutions, she continues to stand alongside the suffering and to attend the dying, striving to preserve their dignity at these significant moments of human existence. Many such individuals – health care professionals, pastoral agents and volunteers – and institutions throughout the world are tirelessly serving the sick, in hospitals and in palliative care units, on city streets, in housing projects and parishes.

Our Church is blessed with two healing sacraments; that of Reconciliation and of Anointing of the Sick. Both are grace encounters with our God and signs of His abundant love and compassion. We, as members of this Catholic faith, are called to imitate Christ in word and deed. Thus we are called to have a special care of the ill and infirmed both in mind and spirit. Visiting the sick is a work of mercy and closely aligns us with Christ. If you know of anyone who is sick or in poor health please let us know at the rectory and we will be glad to visit them. I also encourage all of you to also visit the sick when ever possible it is always a great source of comfort.

**This Lenten Season, at all of our Masses on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 13 & 14, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place.**

This celebration of the sacrament will be a sign of our Church's and our God's care for all the sick.

Lastly I would ask all of us to pray in a special way today for all the sick of our world and especially for those in our parish.

*Blessings!*  
*Msgr. John Shamleffer*

**Monday, Feb. 1**

**6:30 am**  
Robert Street  
**12:00 pm**  
Robert Sicking

**Tuesday, Feb. 2**  
**The Presentation  
of the Lord**

**8:00 am**  
Rita Maloney  
**12:00 pm**  
Sr. Marie Goetz, C.S.J.

**Wednesday, Feb. 3**  
**Saint Blaise, bishop  
and martyr**

**6:30 am**  
Poor Souls  
**12:00 pm**  
Ruth Tredway

**Thursday, Feb. 4**

**8:00 am**  
Charles N. Shalhoob  
**12:00 pm**  
Moran Fam. Spec. Int.

**Friday, Feb. 5**  
**Saint Agatha, virgin  
and Martyr**

**6:30 am**  
Leahy-Wuennenberg Fam  
**12:00 pm**  
Thomas Joseph Pullen

**Saturday, Feb. 6**  
**Saint Paul Miki, martyr,  
& his companions**

**8:00 am**  
Respect for All Life  
**5:00 pm**  
William McCalpin

**Sunday, Feb. 7**

**7:30 am**  
People of the Parish  
**9:00 am**  
Special Intention  
**11:00 am**  
Fr. Justin Guiltane  
SCJ

## We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health and comfort to:

Gere Kemp  
Murray Mason  
Marilyn Maret  
Lillian Eck  
Don & Judy Williams  
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*

### 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.

**BRIDGE** - February bridge is Thursday, February 11th, 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

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

### Olan Mills Re-takes February 26 & 27

If you did not have your picture taken in October, or if you were unhappy with your photo, please sign up to have your photo taken February 26 or 27. These directories are a great help to the clergy and you will be able to put a name to the faces you see at Mass. Call the Rectory to schedule a time for your photo, 726-1221.

You don't have to buy anything unless you want to--they promise no pressure this time! Just sign-up, show up and have your photo taken.

### Education News

#### Bible Study

The Great Adventure: The Bible Timeline Chapters 7- 12 with Jeff Cavins in the Madonna Room.

Tuesdays: February 23-March 30 12:30 p.m. or

Wednesdays: February 24-March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Call 314-727-9059 to register.

#### Lenten Speaker Series

Archbishop Carlson has written a pastoral letter entitled *Jesus Christ Prince of Peace*. This pastoral letter discusses peace in our hearts and homes and in the world.

Dr. Carr Worland, a parishioner here, will lead sessions on Thursday afternoons in Lent, March 4 to April 1st, from 12:30-2 p.m. To register please call Terri, at 314-727-9059.

#### PSR

23 students and two guests participated in the REAP Team Confirmation Retreat.

Our First Eucharist Parent meetings will be offered on Sunday, February 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall and on Monday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. in room 6 of the school. You may attend either session.

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

Angelika Kinter is a new parishioner from Hungary. She is Catholic, but she wants to review her faith knowledge in English, so she attends our R.C.I.A. classes. Angelika's daughter, Ildiko, attends our Parish School of Religion (PSR)

### Baptism

We welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family through the Waters of Baptism **Richard Thomas Griffey III**, son of Richard & Julie Griffey. Congratulations to the happy family.

### Rest in Peace

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

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

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will again prepare the Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner. Mark February 17th in your calendar and come support the Knights in this effort.

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



**Archbishop Carlson cites need to join hands in solidarity with Haiti**

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson cited the need to join hands in solidarity with the Church of Haiti. "We come together . . . to mourn the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters in Haiti ravaged by an earthquake of enormous proportions that has left tens of thousands dead and survivors waiting for the response of the world as they struggle for even the basics of life," Archbishop Carlson noted.

**White House Lenten Days of Prayer  
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th  
Monday of Holy Week, March 29**

Each day of prayer begins with registration from 8:30 - 9:00. The day begins at 9:15 and ends at 2:30. There are two morning reflections on Lenten and Easter themes, lunch, an afternoon reflection and closing Eucharist. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

To register, call 314-416-6400, or e-mail [whretreat@whretreat.org](mailto:whretreat@whretreat.org). A suggested offering of \$25 is requested to cover the cost of the day.

**Birthright Heaven and Earth News**

Next weekend, February 6/7th, the pro-life committee will be collecting the baby bottles distributed in early January. Hopefully the bottles will be filled with your "loose change". This loose change will be used to help support our Birthright mother Liz, and all the Birthright mothers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Women of St. Joseph -- White House Retreat--Thurs., May 27--Sun., May 30**

You are invited "to come aside and rest a while" in a place of solitude and stillness where you can hear the Voice of God. Enjoy three days of peace and quiet surrounded by beauty as you are guided through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Walk the Way of the Cross, pray at the Shrines of the Sacred Heart, Lourdes Grotto, Our Lady of Fatima, the Holy Family and St. Joseph. This White House Retreat experience will certainly draw you closer to the Lord.

A \$50 deposit is required. For further information, please contact your Retreat Captain, Frances Grossman at 636-527-9648.

**Week of January 31, 2010**

Sun: Jer 1:4-5,17-19 Ps 71:1-6,15,17  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7  
Mk 5:1-20  
Tues: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40  
Wed: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-7  
Mk 6:1-6  
Thur: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12  
Mk 6:7-13  
Fri: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31,47,50-51  
Mk 6:14-29  
Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14  
Mk 6:30-34

**5:00 pm**

*Altar Servers*  
Meredith McMahan

*Reader/Lector*  
Paul Watson  
Mary Molloy

*Ministers of Communion*  
Mike Marks  
Barb Gill  
+Chris Gill

**7:30 am**

*Altar Servers*  
Will Cytron

*Reader/Lector*  
Greg Browne

*Ministers of Communion*  
Stuart Cytron  
Annette Cytron  
+Frank Hackmann

**9:00 am**

*Altar Servers*  
Brian Gaffigan

*Reader/Lector*  
Joe Dickmann  
Mary Joan Woods

*Ministers of Communion*  
Carmen Leonardi  
Marcella Leonardo  
+John Gillis

**11:00 am**

*Altar Servers*  
Danielle Lee  
Caitlyn Lee

*Reader/Lector*  
Carolyn Dickmann  
Rosemary Pickle

*Ministers of Communion*  
Roger Drone  
Julie Gerwitz  
+Thom Schwetzy

+ Only when no deacon is present

**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!**

# February 2010

	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>1 pm Prayer Grp, MR 5:15 pm PSR, School 7:00 pm HS PSR, PHC 7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:00 pm RCIA, MR 7:30 pm St VdP, PHC</p>	<p><b>3 Blessing of Throats</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Knights &amp; Dames of Malta, Rosary, Church 7:00 pm Baptism Class, MR</p>		<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7 pm Cursillo, PH</p>	<b>6</b>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30 am PSR, S 9:45 am Required 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg., PH 11:0 am CLW, PHC</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>1 pm Prayer Grp MR 5:15 pm PSR, School 5:30 pm Required 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg, School 7:00 pm HS PSR, PHC 7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>12:30 pm Senior Luncheon, PH 7:00 pm RCIA, MR</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Bridge Group, PHC</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7 pm Cursillo, PH</p>	<b>13</b>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>No Classes - President's Day Holiday Break <b>Valentine's Day</b></p> 	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>No Classes - President's Day Holiday Break 1 pm Prayer Grp, MR 7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 pm RCIA, MR</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><u><b>Ash Wednesday</b></u> <b>Masses at 6:30 &amp; 8:00 am, 12:00, 12:10, &amp; 5:00 pm</b> 4-7 pm Fish Bake, PH</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Habitat Mtg, MR</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7 pm Cursillo, PH</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Trivia Night, PH</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30 am PSR, S 10:00 am RCIA, MR 11:00 am CLW, PHC</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>1 pm Prayer Grp MR 5:15 pm PSR, School 7:00 pm HS PSR, PH 7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>2:00 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, CH 7:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>3:00 - 9:20 pm Olan Mills Photos</b> 5:30 pm Rehearsal 7 pm Cursillo, PH</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>10 - 5 Olan Mills Photos</b> 6:30 pm Wedding</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30 am PSR, S 10:00 am RCIA, MR 11:00 am CLW, PHC</p>						