

Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2010

Mass Intentions

Dear Parishioners:

On Saturday March 27 at 6 P.M. we will celebrate our annual St. Joseph Day party. This has been a wonderful event the past few years and I encourage all to attend. This St. Joseph party is a great way for both old and new parishioners to come together and enjoy each other's company. So mark your calendars and look for more details in the near future.

Our parish will also partake in a Habitat build again this coming spring. St. Joseph's involvement in Habitat has been a wonderful gift both to our parish community and to the families for whom we help build a home. You will find in today's bulletin a flyer that contains more information concerning this build, which will take place in the "Old North St. Louis" neighborhood (close to Crown Candy) this April, May and June. Please consider volunteering for a day on this project.

As we come to the final weeks of our campaign for St. Joseph parish we have reached our goal for the seminary but still short of our goal for the parish, please turn in your pledge cards in the next week.

Lastly, let us continue to support each other in prayer as we continue in our Lenten journey.

Lenten Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

40 Days for Life

We are grateful that Our Lady of Lourdes parish will be joining us for our parish's day of prayer outside Planned Parenthood on March 10 from 7 am - 1 pm. If you know someone at OLL, perhaps Jesus is calling both of you to go and pray the rosary together on that day.

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

Please remember in your prayers the souls of our parishioner & friend, **Joan Zoellner**, and **Lucille Meyer**, sister-in-law of Theresa Meyer.

May our Heavenly Father welcome **Joan and Lucille** into His eternal home and may He send the comfort only He can to their family and friends.

We welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family, through the Waters of Baptism, **Brennan Kelley Wolfe**, son of Adam & Christi Wolfe, and **Charles Jerome Landsbaum**, son of Nathan & Sharon Landsbaum. Congratulations to the Happy Families!



Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage in Christ between

Elizabeth Heger & David Steck (I)

Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

St Joe Senior Luncheon

Faith and Begorrah! It is that time of year again. March 9th is the date of our St. Patrick's Day luncheon. We will be gathering in the church hall at 12:45 p.m., for good food, Irish songs, and fun and games. Bring a friend (Irish or not) and a gift to share. RSVP 726-1221."

Monday, Mar. 1
6:30 am
Special Int. Little Gus
12:00 pm
Ann Ryan

Tuesday, Mar. 2
8:00 am
Ruth Tredway
12:00 pm
Lei Ruble

Wednesday, Mar. 3
6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
Anson Eickhorst

Thursday, Mar. 4
8:00 am
Robert Sicking
12:00 pm
Patricia Ann Mahmood

Friday, Mar. 5
6:30 am
Leahy-Wuennenberg Fam
12:00 pm
Sr. Graciana
Raymundo, D.C.

Saturday, Mar. 6
8:00 am
Respect for All Life
5:00 pm
David Barry

Sunday, Feb. 8
7:30 am
Ken Stroud
9:00 am
John N. Shalhoob
11:00 am
People of the Parish

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health
and comfort to:

Frank Josse
Marianne Sullivan & baby
Tom Biondo
Marilyn Maret
Lillian Eck
Don & Judy Williams
Steve Theby
Fr. Frank Cleary
Elaine & John Edwards
Mary Slais
Fr. Gerry Kleba
Mary Lee Rovira
Mildred Fraser
Joan Wilson
Sean O'Connor
Michael Phelps
Lynn Burch
Joseph Niedbalski
Naomi Carmody
Richard Vance
LaVerne Safron
Sr. Eleanor
Lois Laffey
Peggy Holmes
Vincenttia Majka
Barbara Beauzethier
Maria Guehlstorf
William Kredo
Kathleen Valenta
John Schweiss

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

YEAR FOR PRIESTS -- What Can I Do For You?

I first met the eminent theologian and writer, Fr. John Hardon, SJ, when he moved into St. Joseph's Home in Detroit in the late 1990s. These were to be his last few years on earth, and his witness was inspiring to many, including me. His life was made-up of many day-to-day assents to God.

Fr. Hardon lived in the quarters above the chapel where he said Mass daily. Regardless of the hour, anytime he passed through the chapel and found a handful of people there, he'd say, "Let's celebrate Mass!"

He loved the Mass so much that when the chaplain or any other priest said Mass in the chapel, you could always find Fr. Hardon in the back pew. He even went to the chaplain every day for confession because he wanted to be very pure when his turn came to celebrate the Mass.

Once, while in his room, he broke his fingers in the window. Though it was obvious they were broken, he went on to say Mass for all of us, and then went to the hospital.

When Fr. Hardon had eye surgery, he celebrated Mass that same evening with trembling hands and a patch over one eye. He frequently went about the halls of St. Joseph's Home blessing and thanking everyone: employees, residents, the sisters, visitors, etc. He brought springtime to the home in the years he lived there. He brought Christ.

This holy priest never had a moment for himself. People came and called from all over the world seeking his counsel. He was always gracious to everyone, saying, "What can I do for you?" even when it was plain that he was exhausted with age and poor health.

He made sure that the sick and dying were not forgotten, and often said Mass in their rooms or homes, anointing them and giving the last sacraments. When he was on his own deathbed, he spent his last hours, up until his last breath, repeating this prayer: "I give you my heart, I give you my soul. I love you!"

Meeting Fr. John Hardon in his final years was a blessing to me. I didn't know him as the great writer and theologian as many others did. I just met a priest of God, grown old and humble, preaching by action the gifts of patience, strong faith, perseverance, hope, and so much love. He truly is "a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek."

Brigid M. King

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, when he was Bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, wrote 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 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.

Religious Education

Teens

Class: Mondays, March 1 to 15 and 29

No Class: March 22 Spring Break

R.C.I.A.

Our 2009-2010 R.C.I.A. class attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica last Sunday. They were awed by the beauty of the cathedral and the immense number of candidates joining the Catholic Church this year.

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ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2010) and Good Friday (April 2, 2010) are days of **abstinence** for all Catholics **over the age of 14**. On these two days, **fast** as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18 to 59**. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays. March 3, & March 17 Stations begin **at 5:30 p.m.**, followed by Confession. On March 10, 24 and 31, Stations of the Cross will begin **at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by special services of Benediction, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and Sacrament of Penance, respectively. Stations of the Cross is a traditional prayer of the church which offers all the opportunity **to more deeply meditate on the Passion of Our Lord**.

They are visible signs of Christ's path which are available to us year round. We have come to overlook them week after week.

Readings for the Week of Feb. 28, 2010

Sun: Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36
Mon: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38
Tues: Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28
Thur: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 1-4,6-8,11 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Birthright

Heaven and Earth program

Patricia Hofmeister, the president of Birthright, has indicated that our contribution (now up to \$1,501.03) is the largest single contribution ever generated by the Heaven & Earth program. The folks at Birthright are amazed and grateful. Here is their letter and an update on "Liz":

Thank you for your most generous donation of \$1,487.57 to Birthright's Heaven and Earth program! Liz just saw her doctor and now knows that she is having a little girl. She is very excited and is in the process of choosing a name. Liz is also still meeting with her Birthright counselor who has been working on empowering her to take control of her life. At their last session, Liz stated her appreciation for what Birthright was doing for her, but she felt that she needed to do more to help herself. She has found a part-time job that will allow her to spend time with her own children while helping her pay some of her own bills. Birthright is still providing Liz with maternity clothes and diapers for her youngest child.

Papal Pro Life Wisdom

Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. There may be legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not... with regard to abortion and euthanasia. (Pope Benedict XVI)

Sunday Worship

March 6-7, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Meredith McMahon

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson
Mary Molloy

Ministers of Communion
Colleen Malone
Barb Gill
+Chris Gill

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Connor Gallagher

Reader/Lector
Greg Browne

Ministers of Communion
Stephanie Gallagher
Ray Chiostrri
+Betty Torno

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Maria Ryan

Reader/Lector
Joe Dickmann
Mary Joan Woods

Ministers of Communion
Susan Hackmann
Marcella Leonardo
+Terry Carmack

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Danielle Lee
Caitlyn Lee

Reader/Lector
Carolyn Dickmann
Rosemary Pickle

Ministers of Communion
Roger Drone
Julie Gerwitz
+Thom Schwetzye

+ Only when no deacon is present

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	<p>1</p> <p>1 pm Prayer Grp, MR</p> <p>5:15 pm PSR, S</p> <p>7:00 pm HS PSR, PH</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p> <p>7:30 pm St VdP, PHC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 pm Stations of the Cross-- followed by Confession, CH</p> <p>6pm Knights & Dames of Malta Rosary, CH</p> <p>7pm Baptism Class, Rectory</p> <p>7:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:30 pm Speaker Series, MR</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 pm Cursillo, PHC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5 pm RCIA, MR</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am PSR, S</p> <p>11:00 am CLW, PHC</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1 pm Prayer Grp MR</p> <p>5:15 pm PSR, School</p> <p>7:00 pm HS PSR, PH</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:45 pm Seniors Luncheon, PH</p> <p>2 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Stations of the Cross-- followed by Benediction, then Confession, CH</p> <p>7:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:30 pm Speaker Series, MR</p> <p>6:30 pm Bridge Group, PHC</p> <p>7 pm Parish Council, MR</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 pm Cursillo, PHC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick</p> <p>Don't forget Daylight Savings Begins on the 14th at 2:00 a.m. Sunday</p>
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<p>21</p> <p>11:00 am RCIA, MR</p> <p>11:00 am CLW, PHC</p> <p>School Spring Break</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1 pm Prayer Grp MR</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p> <p>School Spring Break</p>	<p>23</p> <p>12:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 pm Stations of the Cross-- followed by Anointing of the Sick, then Confession, CH</p> <p>7:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:30 pm Speaker Series, MR</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 pm Cursillo, PHC</p>	<p>27</p> <p>St. Joseph's Day Celebration in Parish Hall following 5 pm Mass</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>10:00 am RCIA, MR</p> <p>11:00 am CLW, PHC</p> <p>School Spring Break</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1 pm Prayer Grp MR</p> <p>5:15 pm PSR, School</p> <p>7:00 pm HS PSR, PH</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 pm Stations of the Cross-- followed by Confession, CH</p> <p>7:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>			<p>CH=Church</p> <p>MR=Madonna Rm</p> <p>PHC=Parish Hall Cove</p> <p>PH=Parish Hall</p> <p>S=School</p>