

Dear Parishioners,

The Lenten season has traditionally been a time of healing and conversion. The Church has been graced with two sacraments of healing; that of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Here at St. Joseph we celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** weekdays from 11:15 – Noon, and on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Also during this Lenten season we will be having confessions after the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's and after the Good Friday Services.

The Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**, the other healing sacrament, is an opportunity to encounter a God of compassion through the person of Jesus Christ. This sacrament is always available to anyone who is seriously ill, of advanced age, or is facing major surgery. This sacrament is a uniting of the sick person with the passion of Christ and is an opportunity for the whole community to pray with and for the sick person. I would like to invite all who wish to receive this healing sacrament to any of our weekend liturgies on March 13-14, where we will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament during our Masses. This sacrament will also be celebrated following Stations of the Cross on Wednesday March 24 at 7 PM.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone about our St. Joseph Day Party on Saturday March 27 at 6 PM. All are invited to celebrate our patron and our parish community.

Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

Monday, March 8
6:30 am
John G. Roman
12:00 pm
Joan Zoellner

Tuesday, March 9
8:00 am
Robert H. Sicking
12:00 pm
Jolly Nouss

Wednesday, March 10
6:30 am
Mary Ellen Moloney
12:00 pm
Bernardo-Reyes Fam.

Thursday, March 11
8:00 am
Rita Maloney
12:00 pm
Fr. Frank Matyas

Friday, March 12
6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
Charles Fallert & Fam.

Saturday, March 13
8:00 am
Mary Ellen Powers
5:00 pm
Marjorie Haley

Sunday, March 14
7:30 am
Virginia Schroeder
9:00 am
Sr. Paula Marie
11:00 am
People of the Parish

Reminder: Parish Council Meeting, March 11, 7:00 pm

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please pray for us and with us this coming Wednesday, 3/10, from 7 am to 1 pm as we pray outside Planned Parenthood for an end to abortions in St. Louis.

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 soul of **Dorothy Coleman**, aunt of Tom Taylor. May our Heavenly Father welcome **Dorothy** into His eternal home and may He send the comfort only He can to her family and friends.



Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 am on March 14. Be sure to set your clock **forward** one hour.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage in Christ between

Elizabeth Heger & David Steck (II)

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."

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

Project Rachel Retreat

Sat, May 8

Project Rachel, the post-abortion healing ministry of the Archdiocese, is hosting a day-long retreat focusing on spiritual direction and prayerful reflection for women wounded by abortion. The retreat is held in a private, home-like setting. Location information is kept confidential and shared only with those who are registered to attend. To register or to learn more, please contact Marisol Pfaff at 314-792-7451 or ihnpfaff@swbell.net. In addition to this day-long retreat, Project Rachel conducts monthly spiritual support groups for women. Similarly, all information is kept confidential and location information is only shared with those registered. Contact Marisol to learn more.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays. 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 March 7, 2010

Sun: Ex:3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11
1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4
Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9
Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Mt 5:17-19
Thur: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b
Lk 18:9-14
Sun: Jos 5:9a,10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor
5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Project Rachel witness

If it weren't for Project Rachel, I would still be crying, daily. My [abortion] decision was the first thought that entered my head ... in the morning. My decision reminded me that although I could move through my daily routine, I was not allowed to enjoy funny movies or special moments with my family. My decision would literally stop me mid-laughter. I did not deserve to laugh. ...

Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is something that I cannot put into words. I actually feel lighter. My shoulders are not hanging so low. The power of forgiveness is life altering.

(a post-abortive woman helped by Project Rachel)

White House Lenten Day of Prayer

Monday of Holy Week, March 29

Come alone, or with friends, to the White House Retreat Center on March 29. Sign-in is 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. A suggested offering of \$25 is requested, if possible.

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

12:30 pm Bible Study, MR
12:45 pm Senior Luncheon, PH

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Ch,
Followed by Confession
7:30 pm Bible Study, Madonna Rm

Thursday, March 11

12:30 pm Speaker Series, MR
6:30 pm Bridge, PHC
7:00 pm Parish Council, MR

Friday, March 12

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm Anointing of Sick at Mass

Sunday, March 14 -- Daylight Savings

Anointing of the Sick at all Masses

9:30 am PSR, School
10:00 am RCIA, Madonna Rm
11:00 am CLW, PHC

YEAR FOR PRIESTS -- Lent is the Season for Healing

(From article by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, St. Louis Review)

Every 3,000 miles or so, we change the oil in our car. There may not be any major problem with our engine. But slowly, over time, minor impurities have been building up. If we leave those impurities unattended, they will eventually result in major (and costly) problems.

Every once in a while, we move the furniture and vacuum behind our couch. If we don't get to it one week, it's no big deal. If we don't get to it the next week, it's no big deal. If we fail to move the couch and vacuum behind it for six months, it will be filthy.

We go to the doctor because we are troubled by symptoms. Based on the symptoms, and perhaps with some further observations and tests, the doctor diagnoses the underlying cause of our illness. Based on the underlying cause, the doctor prescribes a course of treatment -- not just to eliminate the symptoms, but to eliminate the root cause of the illness.

The same is true of our spiritual health. If we really want to get back to good health, we have to get at what's underneath the symptoms.

Lent is the time of year when the Church encourages us to do a thorough examination of our spiritual health and then to take whatever steps are necessary to let the healing power of Jesus make us whole again. We present ourselves to Him for the healing of both our symptoms and their root causes.

During this Lent, this season of healing, I want to remind every baptized Catholic in the Archdiocese of St. Louis of the great gifts of cleansing and healing that are available to us in the Sacrament of Penance. Through this great sacrament, the Divine Physician invites us to a healing that brings reconciliation and communion -- with God, with each other and with ourselves in our inmost being. I sincerely hope that each of us will use this time fruitfully.

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.

Religious Education

Adult Education:

Bible Study

The Great Adventure: The Bible Timeline Chapters 7- 12 with Jeff Cavins in the Madonna Room join us when you are able.

Tuesdays: March 9-30 12:30 p.m. or Wednesdays: March 10-31 at 7:30 p.m.

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 continue the sessions on Thursday afternoons in Lent, March 11 to April 1st, from 12:30-2 p.m. Please join us.

Teens & PSR

Our fine teen group joined the teens at Annunziata for a mass Feb. 28. The March 1 session was on decision making and "I messages." All teens are welcome. Join us when you are able, March 8 and 15. Spring Break for PSR & High School PSR begins on March 21 and ends March 29.

Sunday Worship

March 13-14, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Madison Ungacta

Reader/Lector
Mary Molloy

Ministers of Communion
Ramon Floro
Mike Marks
+Peter Smith

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
Brian Gaffigan

Reader/Lector
Mary Lee Rovira

Ministers of Communion
John Gillis
Carmen Leonardi
+Mary Carver

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Emily Looby
Andrew Looby

Reader/Lector
Pat Devereux
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Thom Schwetye
+Julie Gerwitz

+ Only when no deacon is present

Skilled and Unskilled Volunteers are Needed

Habitat For Humanity

Build 2010

We need able-bodied men and women, **age 16 and older**, willing to help less fortunate people achieve the benefits and responsibilities of home ownership

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SUBMIT IT BY MARCH 17
YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO COMPLETE THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAIVER
(it will be emailed or mailed to you)

Name of Volunteer/Family Contact: _____

Additional Family Volunteers: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Family is volunteering as a group: _____ YES _____ NO

Please check the days you would like to volunteer. You will be notified by April 10 of your scheduled days and any organizational information.

April 16 (Fri), Set Interior wall, Set trusses, Blueboard, Windows, Doors

April 17 (Sat), Start Exterior Finish/Complete Roof Sheathing

April 24(Sat), Work on Exterior

May 8 (Sat), Work on Exterior

June 5 (Sat), Install Wood Laminate (flooring)

June 19 (Sat), Complete Interior Finishes, Closet shelves, Mirrors, Bath, etc.

June 26 (Sat), Landscaping

Skill Level

I am not very skilled but would be happy to serve as a tool shed helper

Willing to learn – knows the right end of a hammer and is not afraid to use a shovel

Semi-skilled – an accomplished do-it-yourself EXCEPT for power tools

Skilled – accomplished do-it-yourselfer who is at ease with power tools

I know how to run a table saw

If you have any questions please call Betsy Sampson (314) 725-3380

Send form to:

St. Joseph's Parish
Attn: Habitat Build
106 N. Meramec
Clayton MO 63015

GOD BLESS YOU FOR GIVING YOUR TIME AND TALENT
