

A Combined Pilgrimage/Retreat for Seniors

“AGING GRACEFULLY”

Part 1: The Pilgrimage

Includes a visit to **The Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guerin**, plus Mass, and lunch.

At St. Mary of the Woods College, Terre Haute, IN Mother Theodore is the latest American saint and a model of aging gracefully.

Part 2: The Retreat: “Aging Gracefully: A Retreat for 60’s and Over.”

This retreat will focus on how best to allow God’s grace to enhance the senior years. At **St. Meinrad Archabbey** (Benedictine), St. Meinrad, IN. Led by Fr. Noel Mueller, O.S.B.

Dates: Friday, May 7 – Sunday, May 9, 2010. All-inclusive package.

Phone today for more information and reservations: Marie, **314-341-7316**; or Tom, **314-238-4781**.

Regina Cleri Collection

Under the direction of Cardinal Joseph Ritter Regina Cleri was established as a residence for retired and infirm priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The priests residing at Regina Cleri have given dedicated service to the people of the Archdiocese through their work in our many parishes and institutions.

Your consistent generous support of our elderly and infirm priests, especially through the annual Easter offering, along with the support of the annual Catholic Appeal, make it possible for us to maintain Regina Cleri as a residence for priests.

On Sunday, April 4, 2010, the annual Easter Collection for Regina Cleri will be taken up throughout the Archdiocese.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph



Monday, March 22

No Classes -- Spring Break

1:00 pm Prayer Group, MR

7:30 pm Adult Choir, Church

Tuesday, March 23

12:30 pm Bible Study, MR

Wednesday, March 24

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Ch,

Followed by Confession

7:30 pm Bible Study, Madonna Rm

Thursday, March 25

12:30 pm Speaker Series, MR

Friday, March 26

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Saturday, March 27

St. Joseph Feast Celebration -- Parish Hall

Following 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 28 -- Palm Sunday

Spring Break -- No PSR, No CLW

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 21, 2010

Dear Parishioners:

How is your Lent going? Thank you for all your prayers while I was on Retreat last week.

Each year at the Mass of the Chrism, on Holy Thursday morning, the Archbishop blesses the sacred Oils that will be used throughout the Archdiocese for sacramental anointings. Every parish receives these sacramental oils to be used for the local community.

These Oils of **Chrism**, **Catechumenate**, and of the **Infirm** will be used throughout the year in the various anointings that take place in celebrating the sacraments. The Oil of Chrism, which is perfumed oil, has ancient symbolism and is used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy orders, and in blessing of churches. The Oil of Catechumen is used in preparation for baptism into the faith. The Oil of the Infirm is used in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. All of these anointings are visible signs of the saving and healing presence of God in our lives.

Here at St. Joseph, the Oils are placed in a special shrine by the baptismal font as a sign of God’s grace and care for his people. All are invited to attend the Mass of the Chrism on Thursday, April 1 (10 a.m.), at the Cathedral Basilica.

Lenten Blessings!

Msgr. John Shamleffer

We welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family, through the Waters of Baptism: **William Travis Byrne**, son of Thomas & Jacqueline Byrne, **Ryan Parker Stokes**, son of David & Jennifer Stokes, **Stella Marie Rolwes**, daughter of Daniel & Tara Rolwes, **John Patrick Senneff**, John & Maura Senneff, and **Colton Korte Hrubes**, son of Matthew & Kristin Korte. Congratulations to the Happy Families!

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.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage in Christ between

Kristy Hayward & Ryan Odneal (I)
Karrie Schlichting & Michael Casey (I)

Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

St. Joseph's Pro-Life Committee Mtg.

Our next Pro-Life committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 6th, at 6:30 pm in the Madonna Room. Please join us. Last year four new members did: Kathy Concannon, Angelika Kinter, Joanne Leightner, and Rosemary Woolley. There is a place for you too at the table.

Let's Celebrate St. Joseph Feast Day Together!

This year our celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day will be on Saturday, March 27th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall. All are invited to join in this Parish Family gathering to honor our Patron, **St. Joseph**.

Mark your calendar today! You won't want to miss this opportunity to get together with friends -- old and new -- and share in this festive evening!

Good Food! Good Conversations! Good Times!

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22

6:30 am
Foutean Shalhoob
12:00 pm
Marilyn Taylor

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 am
Bruce Hagen
12:00 pm
Moran Fam. Spec. Int.

Wednesday, March 24

6:30 am
Jim Laflin
12:00 pm
John J. Tramelli

Thursday, March 25
Annunciation
of the Lord

8:00 am
Charles Fallert & Fam.
12:00 pm
Dr. Francis Burns

Friday, March 26

6:30 am
Matt & Ken Clark
12:00 pm
Campbell Fam. Spec Int

Saturday, March 27

8:00 am
Sr. Georgia Schroeder
5:00 pm
Ann Scully Williams

Sunday, March 28
Palm Sunday of
The Lord's Passion

7:30 am
People of the Parish
9:00 am
Kaye Lewand
11:00 am
Pedro & Eden Roble



Mother Teresa said that Christ comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor.

She also said that it is a terrible poverty that a child must die so that people might live as they wish.

Taken together, I believe that the poorest of the poor are those whose poverty lies in the loss of a child. We should consider them the face of Christ

in our lives and help them with a kind word, a listening ear, a healing embrace. Only love can overcome the tragedy of abortion, and that love must begin with each of us.

Every child...brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is His gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010

Sun: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11

Mon: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Ps 23:1-6
Jn 8:12-20

Tues: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Jn 8:31-42

Thurs: Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

Sun: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24
Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56

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 -- My Three Miracles

I came home from the hospital in October 1987 unable to walk without the help of a walker. Although my foot had been saved after contracting a serious bone infection from five previous surgeries, all of my bodily functions were severely compromised, and I was required to take intravenous antibiotics which I had to administer myself. I was extremely weak and didn't know what my future was.

I had not been a very faithful Catholic for about twelve years. I knew I needed--and wanted--to be spiritually healed. I called the parish that we belonged to but was told the priest didn't make house calls. I called another parish, St. Thomas Aquinas, and talked with the pastor, Msgr. John T. Gulczynski. He said he would be over to my home right away.

Msgr. John sat with me at my kitchen table for three hours hearing my confession, giving me holy Communion, and anointing me. As he was leaving, he hugged me, gave me his blessing again and said he would pray for me. I promised him that as soon as I could walk, I would come to Mass.

My husband came home from work that night and surprised me with a brand new sterling silver rosary. We had only been in bed for a little bit when I needed to use the rest room. Without even thinking, I got out of bed and walked by myself without my walker into the bathroom. I never had to use the walker again.

The following day, while I was praying with my new rosary for the forty-five minutes it took to administer the antibiotics, my hands and forehead started to really burn where Msgr. John had anointed me. I didn't know what was happening but just kept on praying. When the intravenous antibiotic administration had finished, I put everything away. As I lay my rosary down, I noticed all the links had turned to gold.

Within a few minutes, my sister called me from Illinois to tell me that Our Blessed Mother had appeared in Medjugorje and that rosaries were turning gold all over the world, as a call to conversion.

So I had experienced three miracles in less than twenty-four hours: a very holy priest had answered my call for spiritual help, I had received physical healing allowing me to walk by myself, and my new rosary had turned to gold.

One week later, on the feast day of Saints Simon and Jude, I drove myself to St. Thomas Aquinas for Mass which Msgr. John celebrated. Afterwards, I went to the rectory to become a parishioner. If it weren't for Msgr. John, I don't believe I would be where I am today in my journey to be what Our Lord wants me to be. I have a long ways to go, but thanks to Msgr. John, I'm on the right path.

Education Commission

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. Tues: thru March 30, 12:30 p.m. or Weds: thru March 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 lead the sessions on Thursday afternoons in Lent, thru April 1st, from 12:30-2 p.m. Please join us.

Hold the Dates:

Dr. Ben Asen will return to Speak on Revelations September 12, 19, 26 and October 3 at 10 a.m. in the Madonna Room. All are welcome.

P.S.R.:

Spring and Easter break begins March 21. Monday classes meet on March 29.

Teens:

All teens are welcome. Join us when you are able, March 15 before the spring break March 22. Sessions resume March 29.

R.C.I.A.

Our candidates are in the scrutiny period of their preparation for their sacraments on April 3. You will see them at the 9 a.m. mass on March 14 and at the 11 a.m. mass on March 21.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 21, 2010

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms will occur during Mass
Procession from courtyard Area (between parking lot and church) Into church before 11:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm. Adoration follows.

Good Friday The Passion 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m., Confessions following

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays. On March 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. Each will be followed by the opportunity for Confession. 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.

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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.

Thank You!

WOW! What a wonderful Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner--AND we saw a lot of our friends here. A special thank you goes to the Knights of Columbus and their wives who cooked the meals -- and to the Pasta House Co. who made the salads, mostaccioli. We can't forget the Parishioners who brought in the absolutely fantastic desserts, nor the people who asked for them.

This very good tasting meal would not have happened without the excellent help from the ladies and gentlemen who served all the tables, especially the Eighth Grade/Confirmandi and the High School PSR.

The proceeds from the dinner came to more than \$1,000, which the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus have generously designated to purchase a new deep freeze and a state of the art 6 foot tall warmer oven for the St. Joseph Parish Hall Kitchen.

Again -- Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Sunday Worship

March 27-28, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Meredith McMahon
Catherine Hoff

Reader/Lector
Rosemary Pickle

Ministers of Communion
Mary Molloy
Therese Macan
+Mike Marks

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Connor Mulligan

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Chris Gill
+Barb Gill

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan

Reader/Lector
Abby Schult

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Chris Gill
+Barb Gill

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Sean Gallagher
Connor Gallagher

Reader/Lector
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Stephanie Gallagher
+Shannon Hadley

+ Only when no deacon is present