

Dear Parishioners,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

This is the day the Lord has made, Alleluia!

Let us be glad and rejoice in it, Alleluia!

This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to those who had begun to lose hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.

May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. May this Easter Song rise joyfully from our hearts and souls.

"This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Easter Blessings!

Msgr. John Shamleffer

Monday, April 5
6:30 am
Fortunato Martinez
12:00 pm
Joseph F. Devereux, Sr.

Tuesday, April 6
8:00 am
Mary Giarraffa
12:00 pm
Perpetua Bernardo

Wednesday, April 7
6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
Prudencia P. Arribas

Thursday, April 8
8:00 am
Allan Koken
12:00 pm
Ann Ryan

Friday, April 9
6:30 am
Jolly Nouss
12:00 pm
Judy Lamy

Saturday, April 10
8:00 am
Mary Elizabeth Moloney
5:00 pm
David Barry

Sunday, April 11
Divine Mercy Sunday
7:30 am
Erika Bender
9:00 am
Clara Reyes
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 -- A Living Sacrifice

Did you know that . .

- There are approximately 410,000 Catholic priests in the world, serving nearly 1.2 billion Catholics.
- In the United States there are more than 40,000 Catholic priests serving more than 65 million Catholics.
- The number of Catholics in the Western Hemisphere continues to grow, while the number of priests continue to shrink.
- The median age of priests in the United States is over 60.

These are not the most encouraging statistics, are they? It seems that the church is losing priests at a time when it is gaining members. But did you also know that each and every one of us has a priestly calling. We may not be able to consecrate the bread and wine at Mass or hear confessions, but each one of us in our own way is called and consecrated to share in Jesus' priestly ministry.

Christianity is about living and sharing the love of God. It belongs to lay believers who live most intensely in the world. . . . a Christian life begins in a relationship with Jesus Christ; and it bears fruit in the justice, mercy and love we show to others because of that relationship. This includes Christian Political engagement, when it happens which is never, mainly, the task of the Clergy. So, during this Year For Priests lets all try to live as "Priests for Our God".



"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

- Acts 10:38

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, we must realize that in rising from the dead, Jesus declares to us that He is truly God and His way is the real way. His commands are real. We cannot ignore them any longer. We must throw off our chains of greed, materialism and selfishness and rise to a new level of giving and doing good, just as Jesus called us to do. The **Annual Catholic Appeal, ACA**, is right around the corner, look for more updates in the weeks to come.

SVDP~Meal A Month Program

"For the needs of the poor shall not be ignored" Psalms 9:18

Our larder [a room or cupboard for storing food] is dwindling and is in need of your openhandedness to help fill our shelves; so that we may continue to help fill those who are in need. Thrift store bags with a list of suggested food pantry items are provided for your convenience in the side vestibule of the church. Thanks for helping us each month to meet the needs of those whom we serve.

St. Joe Senior Corner

Tuesday, April 13th is the date, St. Joseph church hall is the place, 12:45 pm is the time. Hope to see you! Bring a friend and a gift to share while "Robbing Your Neighbor". RSVP 726-1221.

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

Bann I

**Laura Diekman & Patrick Weale
Jessica Lillie & Frank Ciccione**

Bann III

**Kristy Hayward & Ryan Odneal
Karrie Schlichting & Michael Casey**

Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord - April 4, 2010

Vatican Splendors Art Exhibit - "A Journey through Faith and Art"

One of the largest collections of art, documents and historically significant objects from the Vatican ever to tour North America **opens May 15 at the Missouri History Museum** in Saint Louis for a limited engagement. "Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art" will present unique objects illustrating the Vatican's impact on history and culture through 2,000 years.

The exhibition features approximately 170 rare works of art and historically significant objects, many of which have never left the Vatican. Taken together these works explore how the papacy has influenced – and been influenced by – the world throughout the centuries.

St. Louis is one of only three U.S. cities to host "Vatican Splendors." Highlights of the exhibition include artwork by Michelangelo, personal objects, and tools used in work on the Sistine Chapel and Basilica of Saint Peter's; works by masters including Bernini, Giotto and Guercino; artwork dating back to the third century; venerated relics (bone fragments) of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; storied frescoes and mosaics; works by well-known sculptors; intricately embroidered silk vestments; precious objects from the Papal Mass; historical maps and documents; objects discovered at the tombs of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; and historical objects from the modern and ancient basilicas of Saint Peter's in Rome.

When

Opens May 15, 2010, for a limited, exclusive engagement. Tickets go on sale to the public on April 19.

Where

Missouri History Museum (at Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park)

Tickets

Adults: \$19.50; Seniors: \$17.00; Children (6-12): \$13; Children (5 and under): Free with adult ticket purchase.



Help Yourself to a Great Pancake Breakfast and Help the Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are raising funds to ship a set of Stations of the Cross to a very poor church in Fiji -- right now all they have is a consecrated church, an altar, Tabernacle, Crucifix, Priest & faithful parishioners. Otherwise, bare bones!

Good food, fun time -- your support for this most worthy cause is most appreciated!.

WHEN: Sunday, April 18, 8:00 -- 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Parish Hall

COST: Adult meal \$7.00
Children 12 & under \$5.00

MENU

Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes!

Biscuits & Gravy

Bacon or Sausage links or patties

Beverages: Orange Juice, Coffee, or Milk

The Stations of the Cross, which will be shipped to Fiji, will be displayed in the Parish Hall. Ask Steve or Donna Topping about the People in the Parish -- and what they go through to attend Mass.

It is an inspiring story -- as told as only Steve or Donna can!

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.

St. Joseph's Pro-Life Committee Mtg

Our next pro life committee meeting will be Tuesday, 4/6/10, at 6:30 pm in the Madonna room. Please join us. For more information, please call Abby Schult at 314-726-4596.

Sunday Worship

April 10-11, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Meredith McMahon
Catherine Hoff

Reader/Lector
Mary Molloy

Ministers of Communion
Colleen Malone
Therese Macan
+Mike Marks

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Will & Hadley Cytron

Reader/Lector
Frank Hackmann

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Annette Cytron
+Stuart Cytron

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Maria & Sophia Ryan

Reader/Lector
Mary Lee Rovira

Ministers of Communion
Jane Byrne
Susan Hackmann
+Mary Carver

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Danielle Lee
Caitlyn Lee

Reader/Lector
Pat Devereux
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Julie Gerwitz
Carmen Leonardi
+Stephanie Gallagher

+ Only when no deacon is present

TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

These words have resounded throughout history for more than 2,000 years and they resonate in our hearts today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Easter.

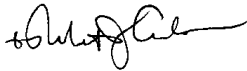
For those of us who have truly responded to Christ's call for prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving during our Lenten journey, this is indeed a time of great joy and hope.

The feast of Easter is the highpoint of the liturgical year and is a reminder of our own potential resurrection.

Let us continue to pray for each other and resolve to spread the Good News of the Resurrection in our daily lives.

I ask for your generous response to the Regina Cleri Collection taken today in all our parishes. The retired priests have served us well and need our prayerful, as well as our financial support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

Be Sure To Mark Your Calendar
Coming to St. Joseph Church in Clayton
7:30p.m., Saturday, April 17, 2010!

SIU-E Trumpet Ensemble
Featuring **Dr. John Korak & Dr. Leonard Candelaria**

On **Saturday, April 17, 2010**, at **7:30 p.m.**, the Southern Illinois University (SIU/Edwardsville) **Trumpet Ensemble**, under the direction of **Dr. John Korak**, will play a special performance, here, at **St. Joseph Church**. The SIU-E Trumpet Ensemble boasts the Midwest's largest collection of natural trumpets (i.e., valveless trumpets) and features 17th and 18th century repertoire on historically authentic instruments. Dr. Korak is Professor of Trumpet at SIU-E and is internationally renowned as an expert in his field.

The performance also will feature **Dr. Leonard Candelaria**, former Professor of Trumpet and Artist-in-Residence at the University of Alabama – Birmingham. Dr. Candelaria has performed as a virtuoso trumpet soloist in concerts and masterclasses all over the world. His trumpet artistry and musicianship have been highly lauded by international audiences and world-class musicians alike.

This performance is open and free to the public. Seating is limited, so it is recommended that you arrive early.

Please call Jefferson City this week to help mothers like Liz choose life:

States can exclude abortion coverage within insurance exchanges

Missouri can keep abortion coverage out of the health insurance exchanges established by the newly enacted federal health care reform law. Contact your State Senator and State Representative as soon as possible and urge support in the Missouri Senate for SB 747 and in the Missouri House for HB 1725. These bills will make sure Missourians are not forced to subsidize abortion through their insurance premiums. Abortion is not health care but the killing of an innocent unborn child.

Informed Consent bills

Nothing in the federal health care reform law should stop Missouri from reducing the number of abortions and helping women in crisis pregnancies. After two hours of debate, the House approved bills this past week that let women know that they can view an ultrasound and get information on alternatives to abortion services. The bills now move to the Senate for its consideration. Ask your State Senator to support the informed consent to abortions legislation (mention SBs 792 and 793 when contacting senators). When women see their baby on an ultrasound, they see that their child is real and not a piece of tissue or a group of cells. Then they can truly make an informed decision about their pregnancy.

Readings for the Week of April 4, 2010

Sun: Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
Mon: Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Mt 28:8-15
Tues: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thur: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21
Mk 16:9-15
Sun: Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 Jn 20:19-31

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, April 5

NO PSR Classes -- NO CHOIR Practice

1:00 pm Prayer Group, MR

Tuesday, April 6

6:30 pm ProLife Mtg., MR

7:30 pm St Vincent de Paul, Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 7

6:00 pm Knights & Dames of Malta Rosary, CH

7:00 pm Baptism Class, Madonna Rm

Friday, April 9

7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Sunday, April 11

9:30 am PSR, School

10:00 am RCIA, Madonna Rm

11:00 am CLW, Parish Hall Cove