

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that this summer time is one of relaxation and recreation of body, mind and soul. On this day of Independence I offer you this prayer.

We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration in gratitude for the gift of being Americans.

We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all. With flags and feasting, with family and friends, we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.

As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth.

Come, O gracious God, who led your children Israel from slavery, keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage. Bless our country and join our simple celebration that we may praise you, our source of freedom, the One in whom we place our trust.

*God Bless!
Msgr. John Shamleffer*

Monday, July 5
6:30 am
Helene Schweitzer
12:00 pm
Matt & Ken Clark

Tuesday, July 6
8:00 am
Pat McGinty
12:00 pm
Anson Eickhorst

Wednesday, July 7
6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
Charles Fallert & Fam.

Thursday, July 8
8:00 am
Gene & Vera Welsh
12:00 pm
Helen Haberstroh

Friday, July 9
6:30 am
Jolly Nouss
12:00 pm
Nassir N. Shalhoob

Saturday, July 10
8:00 am
Mary Elizabeth Moloney
5:00 pm
Lynn Burch Int.

Sunday, July 11
7:30 am
Wayne Hoover
9:00 am
Bernardo-Reyes Family
11:00 am
People of the Parish

St. Joe Senior Luncheon

The next luncheon will be held Tuesday, July 13th at 12:45pm in the church hall. Please join us in the wonderful air-conditioned hall for food, fun, and games. Bring a friend and a gift to share. RSVP 726-1221.

On June 26th we had a very enjoyable Wine & Cheese Party in the garden. Many parishioners were reminded by e-mail. Please share your e-mail address with us to better communicate upcoming events. Send to pat_stj@sbcglobal.net



Rest in Peace

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

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage in Christ between

Bann I
Lucy Wolken & Adam Stanley

Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health
and comfort to:

Paul Voelker
Howard Kirkpatrick II
William Patience
Michael Phelps
Danielle Gardner
Lucille Bommarito
Joan Phelps
Colleen Woodard
Patrick Ampleman
Bob Barnidge
Tom Biondo
Marilyn Maret
Lillian Eck
Judy Williams
Fr. Frank Cleary
Elaine & John Edwards
Mary Slais
Mildred Fraser
Joan Wilson
Sean O'Connor
Lynn Burch
Joseph Niedbalski
Naomi Carmody
Richard Vance
LaVerne Safron
Sr. Eleanor
Lois Laffey
Peggy Holmes
Vincenttia Majka
Maria Guehlstorf
Kathleen Valenta
John Schweiss

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

St. Patrick Center "Back-To-School" Backpack Give-Away - to be collected the last weekend in July - **please hold until then!**

This year we are once again asking St. Joseph Parishioners to support the St. Patrick Center "Back-To-School" backpack give-away program to help needy children prepare for the coming school year. Participating individuals and families are asked to donate a backpack filled with school supplies for one of four different age groups of students.

Please take one of the "Backpack Tags" on display on the bulletin boards at church entrances. Each tag lists the supplies needed for one backpack for one child. Parish families are encouraged to "adopt" one child (or more!) and shop for this child as a family. When you've completed your school supply shopping, simply tie the tag on to your backpack and bring to church the **weekend of July 31-Aug. 1**. There will be baskets provided that weekend for collection. The backpacks will be delivered to St. Patrick Center on Aug. 2nd.

OLD TOWN CLAYTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, 7/7/10 at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Residents and parishioners are encouraged to attend this free, informative event regarding our Clayton neighborhood news. Guest speakers include the Mayor of Clayton, City Manager, Ward III Aldermen, Police and Fire Chiefs. Visit **www.oldtownclayton.org** for more details. Attendance prizes will be awarded to some lucky attendees. Please come and bring your neighbors!



The 2nd Annual Party on the Point is pleased to welcome musical headliner **Howie Day** to the St. Joseph parking lots on **Friday, August 27**. Howie Day is an American singer-songwriter who has produced a number of singles, including the platinum smash "Collide," which was featured in scores of TV shows, including

Grey's Anatomy and Scrubs, as well as in a variety of films. The track became Epic Records' first platinum single, eventually selling 1.5 million downloads.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.partyonthepoint.com. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door and include three drink coupons good for beer, wine, soda or water. Food will be available for purchase onsite through The St. Joe Grill as well as other local outlets. Also this year, we're offering VIP tickets for \$200/each, providing access to the VIP courtyard with complimentary food and beverage throughout the night. Proceeds will benefit the parish's Habitat for Humanity build as well as Marian Middle School in the city. We have a great group of volunteers again this year, so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact George Hinkle at 616-0298. If you have general questions about the event or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Meg Shuff at 314-769-9575.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 4, 2010



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in celebration of July 4th -- Independence Day. Please call on Tuesday, July 6th!
Thank You!
Have a **SAFE** holiday!

ST JOSEPH - LOURDES GUILD

Did you know that St. Louis is one of only three states to get the **Vatican Splendors** exhibit? This exhibit comes HIGHLY recommended. If you would like to go with the St. Joseph/Lourdes group to see the exhibit, meet at Luepke's, 7207 Westmoreland, 63130, on Thursday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m. We will carpool to the Missouri History Museum. The cost of \$40 includes lunch at the new restaurant, Bixby's.

Please send check (payable to Lourdes Guild) to Judy Luepke at above address.

Sunday Worship

July 10-11, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Meredith McMahon

Reader/Lector
Mary Molloy

Ministers of Communion
Mike Marks
Colleen Malone
+Ramon Floro

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
Marcella Leonardo
Terry Carmack
+Peggy Biondo

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Connor Gallagher
Catherine Hoff

Reader/Lector
Pat Devereux
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Stephanie Gallagher
Thom Schweteye
+Therese Macan

+ Only when no deacon is present

Action Alert

Support HR 5111 to Correct Profound Flaws in Health Care Reform



Please write to your federal representatives asking them to **co-sponsor or support House Resolution 5111**. HR 5111 would remedy the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's, flaws, in its treatment of abortion and conscience rights. Those who believe President Obama's executive order addressed these concerns should support the new bill, as the legislation would codify and strengthen the order.

When you're out shopping this month...

Please pick up some diapers, wipes and/or Target and Wal-Mart store cards and put them in the barrels wrapped with the baby pictures at the entrances to the Church. Women in crisis pregnancies and the staff who care for them at Our Lady's Inn & Good Shepherd Maternity program appreciate your help.



Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.



**Little Sisters of the Poor
Rock, Roll, Run, & Stroll
Saturday, August 21, 2010**

We would like to invite you to participate in our 1st Annual Rock, Roll, Run, & Stroll for the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Run/Walk will take place at Carondelet Park on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00

p.m. This competitive 5K run and 1-mile fun run/walk will wind through Carondelet Park and will end at the Boathouse Pavilion. The "Afterbash" will include an Awards Ceremony, Celebrity Rockers "Meet & Greet", Carnival Booths, Bounce Houses, Bakery Goods, Food and will feature fun family-friendly activities taking place at the Boathouse Pavilion. Registration information will be available soon. So mark your calendars today to participate in this great event!!!!

Looking for Summer Reading--Anne Rice's *Called Out of Darkness: A Spiritual Confession 2008*

Anne Rice, one of the best-selling authors in America, has published more than twenty-eight novels over the past thirty years, most of them dealing with dark themes of vampirism and witchcraft. Since her return to the Catholic faith of her youth, Rice has published *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* (2005) and *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana* (2008), the first two novels in a projected trilogy about the life of Jesus, and called *Called Out of Darkness: A Spiritual Confession 2008*.

In her memoir, *Called Out of Darkness*, Rice describes in rich detail her satisfying experience growing up Catholic in the 1950s. Since many writers have taken a negative view of their Catholic upbringing, she is please when people tell her she has described their own Catholic childhood. "My memories deserve equal time," she said. "It was a wonderful time of great energy in the Church. We had so many priests in my parish that I never knew them all at one time. I was impressed by them, and I felt a great love for them.

Once Anne left the cocoon of New Orleans, she began to see people around her who, though not religious, were good, conscientious people. As the normal doubts arose in her mind, she began hearing jokes, atheist remarks, and the ridicule of religion by some of the people she knew. She became convinced that if a whole different world existed outside the Church, the Church could not be the true Church.

In *Called Out of Darkness*, Rice writes that the person of Jesus Christ was central to her return to the Church. This book would be excellent summer reading to follow the journey of a person deeply committed to her faith, falling away, and her journey back to the Catholic Church. Anne believes that Jesus gives everyone an opportunity to come to him. Returning to the Catholic Church was not merely an emotional decision. Anne describes how her reading helped ground her renewed faith in knowledge. She had researched the beginnings of Christianity and was mystified by how little groups of Christians came out of the East and took over the entire Roman Empire within 200 years. "I couldn't deny the workings of God in that. Everything around me spoke to me of the existence of God."

Everything Anne read reinforced the belief that the Catholic Church, with its 2,000 years of unbroken tradition, has the capacity to reform and renew itself over and over again. Her faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle as the central mystery of the faith intensified.

Anne understands that controversy has always been part of the Church history. She advises Catholics to read the history of the Church and not use past mistakes as an excuse to discount the capacity of the Church to change.

Anne's advice to those who are searching and still haven't found a path or to those who are looking for a way to express their belief in God is simply to talk to God. "He will answer you. He will guide you. Even if you don't feel faith, pray as if you do, and faith will come. Don't let anybody stand between you and Jesus Christ. Don't let anybody's failures cause you to turn away." . . . "Never buy into the idea, as I did, that you can't come back to the Church. No distance is too far. God will come to meet us, however far we've strayed. Liguorian, 2008

Readings for the Week July 11, 2010

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36,37 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37
Monday Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7,13b-16 Ps 94:5-10,14-15 Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab,15-21 Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 (Ps) Is 38:10-12,16 Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14 Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

CLAYTON FARMERS' MARKET is celebrating their 10th Anniversary! An enterprising group of city school students have again put together their own booth called MAKING IT. Middle schoolers at Central Catholic School make, bag and market iBONES, gourmet dog bones in shapes of squirrels, paws and rabbits. Lucky dogs can order needlepoint dog collars. The booth is named for the cookbook created with healthy simple recipes from over a hundred top chefs in St. Louis. Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish's North Grand Services sponsors the students baking and selling ANGEL BAKED COOKIES. NORTHWEST COFFEE is providing their wonderful fresh brew to the cause. Come meet these young entrepreneurs on Straub's parking lot, Saturdays from 8:30am until noon, now through October.