

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2010

Mass Intentions

Dear Parishioners,

It is that time of year again when our children are preparing to return to school. For our **college students**, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers here at St. Joseph. This time in your life is a wonderful opportunity for growth and learning. May your faith also grow with you over the coming years. For our **high school students**, you are at an exciting time in your lives, new schools, new friends, new subjects bring great energy and excitement in your lives. This period of growth and new horizons help to bring about a greater maturity of faith and allow you the opportunity to give witness to your faith in your words and actions. For our **elementary school students** these are wondrous years, each one bringing new friends, knowledge and activities to your lives.

Our parish is blessed with a wonderful Parish School of Religion. I encourage all parents to make use of this school for your children. I also encourage you to attend Mass with them at our 11 AM family Mass. We have no greater gift to give, than to share with our children, our faith. If you have not already done so, please contact our director of religious education, Mrs. Terri Venneman, and she will help you to register your child.

May this school year be a blessed one for our educators, parents and especially our children, as we all grow in faith.

Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

Monday, Aug. 16
6:30 am
Helene Schweitzer
12:00 pm
Hugo & Albertina Meyer

Tuesday, Aug. 17
8:00 am
Maloney Family
12:00 pm
Bernardo-Reyes Fam.

Wednesday, Aug. 18
6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
Fr. Xavier Albert

Thursday, Aug 19
8:00 am
Sharon Shalhoob
12:00 pm
Mary Giarraffa

Friday, Aug. 20
St. Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church
6:30 am
Tom Powers
12:00 pm
Ruth Tredway

Saturday, Aug. 21
St. Pius X, pope
8:00 am
Mae Cella
5:00 pm
Dolores & Richard Hayes

Sunday, Aug. 22
7:30 am
People of the Parish
9:00 am
Raymond Clear & Henry Bone
11:00 am
Kofron Family

We welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family, through the Waters of Baptism: **Ella Beatrix Silverman and Grace Caroline Silverman**, daughters of Ralph and Dorothy Silverman, and **Graham Michael Urban**, son of Chris and Nan Urban. Congratulations to the Happy Families!



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Sharon Shalhoob**, niece of Eugene Shalhoob, and **Jack McDonough**, brother of Shirley Neuman. May our Heavenly Father welcome **Sharon and Jack** into His eternal home and may He send the comfort only He can to their family and friends.

ST. JOSEPH PRO LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 9/20/10, at 6:30 pm in the Madonna Room.

Subcommittees include Pregnancy Resource Centers (Birthright's Heaven and Earth program, Mother's Day Roses for Life, Christmas Cards; Our Lady's Inn, Good Shepherd Diaper Baby Wipe Drive), Disability/Euthanasia, Pro Life News/Bulletin Boards, and Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn. Please come with your ideas and questions. We need your help. Contact: Abby Schult, 314-726-4596.

Registered Parishioner? If not, call 726-1221, Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4:00 p.m. and we can take your information over the phone.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage in Christ between

Bann III

Amy Schuler & John M. David

Bann I

**Megan Miller & Jerome McDonald
Elizabeth Waters & Jason Thompson**

Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

*May God provide health
and comfort to:*

Raymond LaDriere
Paul Voelker
Howard Kirkpatrick II
William Patience
Michael Phelps
Danielle Gardner
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
Vincentia Majka
Maria Guehlstorf
Kathleen Valenta
John Schweiss

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

All volunteers and employees who work with children at St. Joseph parish must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program. This includes attending a Protecting God's Children workshop, undergoing a background check updated in even-numbered years, having an FBI fingerprint check if you have lived outside of Missouri within the past five years, and signing the Code of Ethical Conduct.

These requirements are mandated by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops and are followed by every diocese in the country. The policies are the Church's attempt to ensure the suitability of all adults who work or volunteer around your children. If you have any questions about your compliance please contact our Pat Burch at 726-1221 or Terri Venneman at 727-9059.

Education Commission

Smart Discipline Workshop with Dr. Koenig

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The program instills positive beliefs, builds self confidence and self esteem, and helps with ADD/ADHD kids. St. Joseph Education Commission will offer the program for \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Grace Church is offering an alternate date Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Call for information, 314-727-9059.

R.C.I.A.

We would be happy to have you join our R.C.I.A. program to welcome new members as a visitor to share experiences, as a learner, as a sponsor or a presenter. Please call Terri Venneman if you feel the call to join us 314-727-9059.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

For most of her adult life, Jan Benton, executive director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, has been working to help the disabled. She noted, however, that instead of receiving the respect they deserve, some people with disabilities have been subject to a "misguided compassion" that encourages the elderly to consider physician-assisted suicide and the parents of a child likely to be born with disabilities to abort the child. "We're so blessed to be in a church that can counter these arguments, a church that says every person is worthy of respect," she added. "It's easy to be able to argue for life."

Thanks to all who have come together to help out my firefighter/paramedic son Jeff, his wife Jessica and our two adorable granddaughters following the catastrophic fire at their home early Sunday morning. The news link on this horrific house fire is <http://tinyurl.com/chesterfield-house-fire>

They escaped with only the clothes on their backs and their home was condemned as a total loss. While their most immediate needs have been met, the outpouring of offers to help this family has been overwhelming, so a special donation account has been established. Please consider sending a tax deductible check in any amount, payable to the "Jeff and Jessica Twyman Fire Fund" at the following address:

Jeff and Jessica Twyman Fire Fund
c/o Excel Bank
302 N. Clay Kirkwood, MO 63122

Branch Manager: Michelle Kyle --Phone: 314-966-3522

May God bless all of you and your loved ones. Please know that our family appreciates everyone's support and prayers at this time. Feel free to share this post with your network of friends. - Cheryl Verde

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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.

HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A RAFFLE....

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is having the raffle of raffles:

Grand prize: Two roundtrip tickets to exciting New York City for four days and three nights. You'll stay in luxury, overlooking Central Park at the world-famous Essex hotel. Next, Yankee Stadium to see the Yanks play the Tampa Bay Rays. Then to dinner at BoBo Restaurant, Manhattan's trendiest eatery, followed by a personal tour of the kitchen with celebrity chef, and St. Louis native, Patrick Connolly. You'll also enjoy two tickets to a top Broadway play. And finally a meeting with Bill Reilly in his Fox Studio while he hosts his #1 Rated, "O'Reilly Factor". And the winning couple will get \$3000 for a New York shopping spree!!

2nd Prize: Roundtrip airfare for two, ANYWHERE in the continental U.S!

3rd Prize: Two tickets to the 2011 Super Bowl in the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington Texas.

4th Prize: Two tickets to the 2011 82nd Annual Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Phoenix, Arizona!

5th Prize: A \$1000 shopping spree at the unique, Weekends Only Furniture Stores.

Tickets are \$100 each. Drawing is August 30, 2010. Trip is 9-20-10 to 9-23-10. One half of the \$100 tickets sold here will stay in our St. Joseph's St. Vincent DePaul Conference to serve the poor. For tickets, contact your Society of St. Vincent DePaul conference at 496-8203.

Sunday Worship

Aug 21-22, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Meredith McMahon

Reader/Lector
Rosemary Pickle

Ministers of Communion
Mary Molloy
Mike Marks
+Clare Reid

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Will & Hadley Cytron

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Annette Cytron
+Stuart Cytron

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Maria & Sophia Ryan

Reader/Lector
Abby Schult

Ministers of Communion
Marcella Leonardo
Peggy Biondo
+Terry Carmack

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Catherine Hoff
Will Tipton

Reader/Lector
Tom Misko
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Therese Macan
+Thom Schwetye

+ Only when no deacon is present



EWTN's 'The Suffering Church' will begin airing on Sundays and Tuesdays in September, 2010. EWTN – Imagine being thrown into a hole in the ground or a metal trailer for months on end—being baked in 120 degree heat—and later becoming blind after being pulled from this darkness into bright light. Your crime? Reading the Bible. This is just one of many stories of Christian persecution relayed in “The Suffering Church,” a 13-part original series, which will begin airing in September exclusively on EWTN Global Catholic Network.

Most Catholics think religious persecution reached its zenith during the Roman Empire, when Nero set Christians ablaze and used them as torches or fed them to the lions. However, the truth is that more Christians have died for their faith in the 20th Century than in ALL the preceding centuries put together.

Watch “The Suffering Church” to learn the truth about Christian persecution in China, Burma, North Korea, Pakistan, Vietnam/Laos, Iraq, Sudan, Nigeria, Egypt, Eritrea/Ethiopia, India, and Sri Lanka—and, most importantly, what you can do to help. This series is part of EWTN's continuing commitment to shining the light on Catholic social justice concerns around the world.

Please make an effort to become educated about this issue.. We cannot defend ignorance of their plight. We owe it to those who suffer for the church to become aware, and do what we can.

RETROUVAILLE: HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

The next weekend is September 24-26, 2010. On the weekend, you will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else, but you will learn listening skills, forgiveness, communication and the dialogue process which are powerful aids for building a loving relationship.

For more information, to sign up, or get dates for future weekends, contact Linda and Chuck Hinrichs at 314-453-0110 or 1-800-470-2230. You can also look online at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2010

Sun: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps 45:10-12,16
1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Mon: Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21
Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28,30,35cd-36b
Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
Thurs: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15,18-19
Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ez 43:1-7b Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Mt 23:1-12
Sun: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7,11-13
Lk 13:22-30

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Do you want to get closer to the one you love? You can do that on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends will be held in St. Louis in September and December. Call 314-469-7317 or go to www.stl-wwwme.org to learn more.

Women's Retreat

A spiritual, silent retreat for Catholic women will be held the weekend of Sept. 10-12 at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka. Father Gregory Lockwood, temporary administrator of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish and professor of theology and lecturer on Mariology, will be the retreat presenter. Participants will have private room and bath, six meals, priest-led meditations, Masses, Confession and private reflection. Cost is \$225. The retreat sponsoring organization is Ecclesia Domestica, a St. Louis archdiocesan association of Catholic homeschoolers. For more information, call Susan Geerling at (314) 831-6395.



Please pray for all men and women serving our country in the armed forces.

Attention Catholic Singles 21-45

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club invites you to an Open House at Highway 61 Roadhouse in Webster Groves Friday, August 20th starting at 6 PM. We will have food and a free gift for newcomers. For more info, contact Steve at 314-966-0724 or <http://csacstlouis.org/activities.html>.