

Welcome to St. Joseph — Clayton, Missouri

Dear Parishioners:

The Rite of Election (and Call to Continuing Conversion) is the liturgical rite, celebrated at the Cathedral-Basilica, on the First Sunday of Lent, by which the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation and recognizes the candidates preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist or reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. The catechumens, now the elect, and the candidates express their will to receive these sacraments. (RCIA, Part 1) The presiding celebrant of the rite is the Bishop.



Before the rite is celebrated, the catechumens and candidates are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity.

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment corresponds to that time known in the Roman Catholic Church as Lent and has the character of a time of retreat for the elect who are preparing for Baptism, for the candidates who will complete their initiation or enter the full communion of the Catholic Church, and for the faithful who will commemorate their own Baptism at Easter.

The centerpiece of this period of prayerful preparation is the celebration of the Scrutinies. Although the candidates will not be the subject of the Scrutinies, catechesis for both the elect and the candidates during this period is related to the celebration of the Scrutinies.

Throughout this period, the elect and the candidates are invited to join with the whole Church in a deeper practice of works of charity and in the practice of fasting.

The Scrutinies are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the Lenten season. At the Masses at which the Scrutinies are celebrated, the cycle A readings must be used (RCIA no.146). The presentations of the actual prayers from the Creed and the Our Father will be given to the elect during this period.

Please pray for those preparing to enter the church here at St. Joseph: David Molamphy, Mary Portnoy, Shannon Hicks, Stephanie Silverthorn, Kathleen Bartin, Sean Mallonee and Kathleen Mallonee, and throughout the world at this coming Easter Vigil.

Lenten Blessings!

Msgr. John Shamleffer

Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb 13
6:30 am
Intention of Loebel Fam.
12:00 pm
Dan Ryan

Tuesday, Feb 14
St. Cyril, Monk and
Methodius, Bishop
8:00 am
Rita Maloney
12:00 pm
Bernardo Reyes Fam.

Wednesday, Feb 15
6:30 am
Wm Moran & Fam. Int.
12:00 pm
Dr. Francis Burns

Thursday, Feb 16
8:00 am
Helene Schweitzer
12:00 pm
George Schroeder

Friday, Feb 17
6:30 am
Louis Vricella
12:00 pm
Dan Topping

Saturday, Feb 18
8:00 am
Susan Meier
5:00 pm
Matt & Ken Clark

Sunday, Feb 19
7:30 am
Francis C. Flynn
9:00 am
Jack Fahey
11:00 am
People of the Parish

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health
and comfort to:

David Bott
Mary Margaret Kerz
Valerie Davidson
Mary Beth Leary
Kelsey Brisman
Fred Clifford
Marilyn Maret
John Maret
Lucille Bommarito
Frank Meyer
Rosemary Woolley
Jamie Cannon
Betty Bess
Maria Guehlstorf
Frank Matula
Henry Cooch
Mary Ann Walker
Vicenttia Majka
Shirley Toon
Ann Miller
Barbara Lindsay
Richard Vance
Joan Wilson
Bob Wilson
Lillian Eck
Mary Slais
Sr. Eleanor
Raymond LaDriere
Howard Kirkpatrick II
William Patience
Michael Phelps
Danielle Gardner
Colleen Woodard
Patrick Ampleman
Lynn Burch
Joseph Niedbalski
John Schweiss

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time –February 12, 2012

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 22, 2012) and Good Friday (April 6, 2012) 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 18-59**. 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 Fridays in 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.

RCIA

The topic for Tuesday, February 14 is ***How the Catholic Church is structured*** presented by Msgr. John Shamleffer. The class will meet at 7 pm in the Madonna Room.

We continue to look for **STORIES & PHOTOS** for St Joseph Parish's **100th Anniversary book**

We are writing a history of St. Joseph's Parish, and St. Martin's, in honor of the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph's Church building. We'd love to include photos of your family in church (wedding, anniversary, baptism). We are also looking for photos of old St. Martin's Church and Cemetery, the 1885 St. Joseph's Church and School, as well as stories and photos about growing up in the parish. If you'd like to share, please contact the parish at 314-726-1221 or stjosephclayton100@gmail.com. We will scan your photos and return them to you. Drop them off at the Rectory and we will be sure to return them. (Please mark the backs with names!)

Wedding Banns

Banns III

Natalie Paroto & Benjamin Vacco

Please pray for them as they
begin their life together.



St. Joe Seniors:

Come join us as we celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Tuesday February 14th, 12:45 PM, in the church hall. As always, bring a friend and a gift to share as we

"Rob Your Valentine"!
RSVP 726-1221.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Ann Sullivan Rohan**, sister-in-law of Rosemary Hardy.

May our Heavenly Father welcome **Ann** into His eternal home and may He send the comfort only He can to her family and friends.

Parish News

You are invited to join with parishioners of St. Paul Parish in Fenton on a fall cruise on Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas.



Sail away with Fr. Schaab to Canada October 1 - 12, 2012, with ports of call at Quebec City, Saguenay, Corner Brook, Newfoundland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; St. Pierre Miquelon; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Cruise prices (airfare, transfers, and gratuities additional) are:

- \$1,281.08 per person based on two people sharing an inside cabin
- \$1,551.08 per person based on two people sharing an ocean view cabin
- \$1,941.08 per person based on two people sharing a balcony cabin

Contact Cathy Robinson at Brentwood Travel (314.439.5700) for more information or to reserve a cabin. Tell her Fr. Schaab and Msgr. Dieckmann sent you!

**Please note that this is not a pilgrimage.
Mass is provided only on Sundays.**

St. Joseph Parish is Pleased to Present Father Robert Barron's Series "Catholicism"

This ten part program "Catholicism" is highly recommended by the Archdiocese of St. Louis and is being provided to the parishioners of many parishes. St. Joseph Church is pleased to be one of them.

The series is created by Father Robert Barron, a priest from Chicago. He founded the "Word on Fire Catholic Ministries." A quote from his biography states, "*Many Catholic adults need to hear Fr. Barron's message and learn more about their faith so they can truly know the Lord, love Him and serve Him each day.*"

Join Msgr. John Shamleffer, in the Church, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning Feb. 15 -- April 18, or Dr. Margaret Boland on Tuesday in the Madonna Room, following noon mass. These sessions run from Feb. 14 --April 17.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26;
 Mk 8:34 - 9:1
 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25;
 Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22;
 Mk 2:1-12

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, February 13
 5:15 pm PSR, School
 7:00 pm HS PSR, PHC
 7:30 pm Choir, Church
Tuesday, February 14
 12:45 pm "Catholicism", Madonna Rm
 12:45 pm Senior Luncheon, Parish Hall
 7:00 pm RCIA Mtg, Madonna Rm
Wednesday, February 15
 7:00 pm "Catholicism, Church
Thursday, February 16
 6:30 pm Bridge, Parish Hall Cove
Sunday, February 19
 No School -- Martin Luther King Day

Sunday Worship, February 18-19, 2012

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Catherine Hoff

Reader/Lector
Bebe Kennedy

Ministers of Communion
Therese Macan
Victor Schulte
Rosemary Hardy*

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Will & Hadley Cytron

Reader/Lector
Greg Browne

Ministers of Communion
Annette Cytron
Stuart Cytron
Betty Torno*

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Sean Gallagher

Reader/Lector
John Gillis

Ministers of Communion
Susan Hackman
Roy Blair
Mary Carver*

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Emily Looby

Reader/Lector
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Ministers of Communion
Rosemary Woolley
Roger Drone
Carolyn Dickmann*

* Only when no deacon is present*

February 1, 2012

Dear Brother Priest,

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which was formed to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people – the Catholic population – and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And, as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop health coverage for our employees (and bring about the consequences for all in doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give nonprofit employers, like hospitals and universities, which do not currently provide such coverage, one year in which to comply.

We believe this new requirement signals a direct attack on our religious freedom. People of faith cannot be made second-class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God-given rights. In generations past, the Church has always counted on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

And, therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting, that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

I call upon each of you to join me and the Bishops of the United States in speaking out on this violation of religious freedom and conscience by contacting your U.S. Representatives and our U.S. Senators. Every Catholic has the responsibility to promote the dignity of human life and religious freedom. If we do not make our voices heard, no one else will. Let us work together to preserve the freedoms our forefathers established in our Constitution!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis