



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Established 1890



December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come."

-Mk 13;33

Parish Mission Statement

We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be His church and live His gospel.

*We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling by prayer, worship, teaching
and in sharing our faith and serving others. Guided by the Holy Spirit and through
our patron St. Joseph, we commit ourselves to the responsible stewardship of all God's gifts.*

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday - 8:00 am
School Mass Fridays Aug-May

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Contact

Rev. William Thess

email: williamthess@archstl.org

Deacon Mark Byington

email: deaconmark@stjosephfarmington.com

Dr. John Boyd - Principal

jboyd@stjosephfarmington.com

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday • 8:00 - 3:30 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm
Sundays 7:00-7:15 am or by appt

Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Baptism

Please contact the parish office.

Welcome to St. Joseph

We appreciate you celebrating with us. If you are not registered as a member of our Parish Community, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center and someone will contact you.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

____ Please Call ____ I've Moved ____ New Parishioner ____ Address Change

I would like to serve the Parish in the following ways _____

____ I would like more information on St. Joseph Catholic School (PreSchool - Grade 8)

Our Pastoral Team

Rev. William Thess / Pastor..... williamthess@archstl.org

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John Denkler - Financial Commission / Rob Grindel - Property and Maintenance

Ed Brown - Cemetery Association / Chris Martin - Knights of Columbus

Dan Jaycox - School Board President / Jake Johnson - Athletics

Tom Benoist - Parish Council President / Jake and Mandy Whitener - Youth Group

Pat Boatright - Respect Life / Sandi Brooks - Women of Mary President

Katie Goodson - HIVE

Parish Calendar

Planning Ahead



December 15

All Day Confessions



December 17

Our Father's Table



December 31

Knights of Columbus
New Years Eve Party

Tuesday, December 5

Cantor Practice

7:00 pm • Church

Choir Practice

6:00 pm • Church

Wednesday, December 6

Women of Mary Meeting

1:00 pm • Twin Oaks

PSR

6:00 pm • School

Rosary

6:30 pm • Church

Knights of Columbus Mtg

7:00 pm • Knights Mtg. Hall

Thursday, December 7

Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 am - 5:30 pm • Church

RCIA

6:30 pm • Parish Center

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception Masses

7:00 am, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 10

Knights Breakfast with Santa

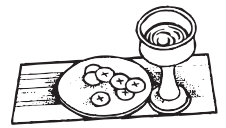
After all Masses • School

Liturgical Life



Mass Schedule

December 4 - 10



Monday
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Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

8:00 am: Gilbert & Louise Naeger

Tuesday
5

Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17/Lk 10:21-24

8:00 am: Ted Lasmarias

Wednesday
6

Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6/Mt 15:29-37

8:00 am: Angela Wade

Thursday
7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

Readings: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9,
19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:00 am: The Poor

Friday
8

The Immaculate Conception

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am: The Disabled

8:00 am: St. Joseph Parishioners

7:00 pm: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Second Sunday of Advent

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Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,
13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Saturday: 5:00 pm: St. Joseph Parishioners

&
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Sunday: 7:30 am: Todd Jokerst

9:00 am: People of Israel

10:30 am: Paulette Boardman

Monday, December 4, 2023

Sacristans

Jayne Wooldridge,
Bobbie Thomure,
Sandi Brooks

Money Counters

Jane Eck, Kathy Thompson,
Anne Crawford,
Shirley Bieser

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Sandi Brooks

Extraordinary Minister: Ronald Brooks, Laura Denkler,
Rich Dore', Newt Luedecke

Ushers: John Denkler, George Kracke

Servers: Tripp David, Macullough Schrum

Cantor: Susan McMann

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Stephen Hunter

Extraordinary Minister: Charlie Dill, Marge Dill,
Steve Forsythe, Norene Leonard

Ushers: Jay Ellis, Jim Gerwitz, Corey Hulsey,
Gerald Hulsey

Servers: Gage Whitener, Kya Whitener

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Jennifer Rhodus

Extraordinary Minister: Anne Crawford, Cheryl Gibson,
Jimmy Gibson, Charlotte Vander Bol

Ushers: Dan Combs, Amy Martin, Chris Martin

Servers: John Maloney, Luke Maloney

Cantor: Tom Berkbigger

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Helen Thurman

Extraordinary Minister: Rich Dore, Phyllis LaPlant,
John Thurman, David Werner

Ushers: James Cissell, Chad Speaker, Bob Wilson,
Cory Wolff

Servers: Garrett Hugeback, Westley Wilson

Cantor: Rita Boyd



St. Catherine of Alexandria



Mass Schedule:
Saturday 7:00 pm

Coffman, Missouri

Holy Day of Obligation:
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

December 7

Celebrant: Fr. William Thess

Lector: Agnes Herzog

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

Offertory Bearers: Heberlie Family

Mass Intention: St. Catherine

Parishoners

December 9

Celebrant: Fr. William Thess

Lector: Agnes Herzog

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

Offertory Bearers: Heberlie Family

Mass Intention: Poor Souls in

Purgatory

Weekly Offertory

November 18, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$475.00
Loose	<u>\$160.00</u>
Total	\$635.00

November 25, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$150.00
Loose	<u>\$190.00</u>
Total	\$340.00

Happy Birthday!

December 3

December 7

Maggie Herzog Alex Cummings

Happy Anniversary!

December 9, 1972

Tom & Linda Smith

Christmas Party
Dec. 10 at 5:30 pm



Sunday November 19, 2023



Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$8,777.00
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Electronic Deposit	\$2,020.00
Loose	<u>\$499.00</u>
	\$11,316.00

Current Week Year to Date

Sunday Offering	\$11,316.00	\$255,480.01
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,600.00</u>	<u>\$264,600.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$1,284.00)	(\$9,119.99)

Specials

Help the Hungry Bakesale	\$10.00
Human Development	\$460.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$50.00
Our Father's Table	\$50.00
Partners in Education	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$98.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$688.00

Sunday November 26, 2023

Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$6,512.00
Electronic Deposit	\$550.00
Loose	<u>\$576.00</u>
	(\$4,962.00)

Current Week Year to Date

Sunday Offering	\$6,980.00	\$263,118.01
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$277,200.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$5,020.00)	(\$14,081.99)

Specials

All Souls	\$25.00
Human Development	\$55.00
Partners in Education	\$620.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$235.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$2,223.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$3,168.00

Prayer Life

Together We Pray for Those Who are Sick



Parishioners names are in bold.

Diane Helms
Annette Eaton
Carolyn Talbot
Carmen Hall
Jack Hall
Josephine Galvan
Lesa Villmer
Ron LaPlant
Reg LaPlant
Patrick Blankenship
John Sprawk
Donna Jean Thurmond
Don Thurmond
Erin Eifert
Jen Maloney
Maudie Kelly
Richie Holmes
David Herbst
Betty Vogt
Francis Vogt
Brian Degonia
Tracey Renna
Barb Kirk
Lauren Thebeau
Kay Ward
Paul AuBuchon

Nancy Middleton
Jinny LeDuc
Madge Winch
Barb Coleman
David Armstrong
Robert Pipkin
Anna June Midgett
Paul Calbreath
Jeff Parasino
Shirley Hutchings
Larry Brown
Lucinda Dale
Pat McLain
Marie Edgar
Brian Cox
Karen Moore
Amanda Hutchison
Cheri Calbreath
Sandy Cashion
Kate Hershberger
Jeanie Dubois
Joel Hommelson
Denny Franklin
Joyce Hurst
Chad Walton

To add someone to the prayer list contact
prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com or 756-4250.

Let us pray for those who are
carrying the gift of life.

Valeria (Mason) Harrington
Christina (Matt) Rariden

Please call the parish office if you would like
to be added to our prayer list.

Eucharistic Adoration

Each Thursday

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

First Friday of the Month

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

**We are in need of 1 adorer for
Adoration from 2:30-3:30.
Please call the parish office to sign up.**

For more information contact Charlie and Rita Boyd
at 760-7887 • ctboyd@sbcglobal.net

Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death.



Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of



Lee Kreitler
parishioner



*May God welcome her home, fill her with
peace and bless those who will miss her.*

Agnes Hinkebein, RN



If you are currently homebound or are
hospitalized or know of a parishioner
who is, please contact me at
756-4250 or email me at:
healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com



Please Pray for our Troops

**Pvt Wyatt Bach**

Son of Greg and Emily Bach

CW4 Steve Howell

son-in-law of John & Michelle Podolak

Cpt. Jacob Roney

son of Kevin and Terri Roney

Sergeant Mark Bieser

Parishioner

Sergeant Grace Jones

daughter-in-law of Dale and Arlene Jones

SrA E-4 Patrick Rudroff

son of Greg & Susan Rudroff

Major Nick Bono

brother of Matt Bono

1st LT Olivia M. Klinkhardt

niece Mary Lou Brady

ET2 Josh Rustemeyer

grandson of Jo Rustemeyer

Lt. Col David Brewer

son of Louise Brewer

SFC Timothy Masters

Parishioner

John Turk

nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

Ryan Turk

nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

Specialist Lucas Colligan

son of Judy & Bud Davis

Logan Methenia

nephew of Tracy Millstead

Specialist 4th Class Nick Tyler

grandson of Gene and Dolores Eddleman

Sergeant Gregory T. Corcoran

nephew of Tom Corcoran

Sergeant Austin Patton

son of Jill Patton

BJ Waltz

nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

2nd LT Hailey Donaldson

granddaughter of Mike & Joanne Wolo

CM Sgt E-9 Chris (Jill) Perkuhn

son-in-law of Jay (Shelly) Ellis

Spc James Wolf

grandson of James Rose

Jacob B. Gaines

son of Jim & Bobbie Gaines

1st LT David Rogers

son-in-law of Gina Kearns

SSG Justin Wolf

grandson of James Rose

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday Rosary

Wednesday at 6:30 pm



Our petition for this week:
"For a greater devotion
to our Blessed Mother."

Parish Ministries

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**December 8th
Friday**

**7:00, 8:00 am &
7:00 pm Mass**

*Holy day
of obligation*



Join Athletics Association!!



We are looking for a new board to come on and work with current members in February 2024, and take over fully in February 2025! It's time we spread out the responsibility and focus on a new model.

The new board will need:

President	Fundraising Chair
Vice President	Equipment Chair
Communications Chair	Volleyball Rep
Concessions Chair	Soccer Rep
	Basketball Rep

You can volunteer to work one or multiple positions.

There will be 2-year term limits, with 2-year renewals.

Benefits include:

Sports registration waivers
Fellowship with your fellow parents
Satisfaction of volunteering for your child's school
Networking with volunteers/coaches from other schools

Only 2-year terms!!!

Please contact Jake Johnson by February 1st, 2024 to sign up or to answer any questions.

(573) 747-6323

jjohnson55@hotmail.com

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed **Friday, December 8** for the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. We will resume normal hours of 8:00 am until 3:30 pm on **Monday, December 11**.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



**Sunday, December 10
After All Masses!**

Santa and Hot Chocolate!!!



December 10 is the Knights of Columbus breakfast. \$8/person or \$25 for a family of 4 or more. All you can eat, so come hungry.



2024 Religious Calendars



Compliments of
**Cozean Memorial Chapel
& C.Z. Boyer & Son
Funeral Homes**

Available in the back of church.

Parish Ministries



Serve With Love

In Belize we work at St. Benedict School with many of the parents, constructing and rebuilding necessary projects so the school can qualify for government funding. Two years ago we were able to provide the school two sidewalks for the children to utilize as they enter the school grounds and library. This past year we completed one side of fencing in the school grounds.

Payment

Send your down payment to Lisa Cartee in the Parish Office. Make checks payable to Belize Mission Trip

Questions

573-747-7625 @stjosephfarmington.com



Women of Mary Giving Tree



The Women of Mary are again sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since the clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, we are hoping to have some Christmas presents available for them and their children by the end of November. Every year we need more gifts for adults and teens than we do for children. The tree is located in the entry of the Parish Center. You may take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item on the label, and then place the unwrapped item under the tree. The volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul will pick up the items and distribute them to their clients before Christmas. Thanks to everyone for your support; each year you are so generous to those in need from our local community.

Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia



Memorials will be published in our Christmas bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our **December 24 bulletin**. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Thur., December 14**.

Hopefully we will have a complete list. However, any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the December 31 bulletin. Please note that the extra funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round.

Parish Ministries



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
5 pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy
Mother of God**
January 1
8:00 am



First Saturday Mass

8:30 am
First Saturday
of every month
at St. Joseph Catholic Church
Farmington
with Rev. Jim French



School News

We welcome into our Catholic Faith through Baptism...

Georgia Marie Adams
daughter of Johnny Adams and
Emily Braun
Friday, October 27



Message from School Principal Dr. Boyd

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving week. It is always nice to be around family and friends.

The Thanksgiving baskets for needy families was an AWESOME Student Council service project. I know in my heart, that we helped 6 families enjoy a great meal together and I pray they know we care.

On the horizon: 2 nd grade 1 st Reconciliation is December 13 th at 6:00 pm. Advent Recital is December 15 th at 6:00 pm in the gym. School will be dismissed at 11:30 am on December 21 st (no after care). Christmas break is December 22- January 2 nd . School resumes on Wednesday, January 3 rd .

All of us here at St. Joseph Catholic want to express our sincerest thanks for supporting our school. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Have a great week! God Bless.

Dr. Boyd

GO HORNETS!!!

Parish Ministries



Respect Life Committee would like to give a big THANK YOU to all that participated in the Baby Bottle Drive by collecting loose change, cash and checks for the Pregnancy

Resource Center's Walk for Life. St. Joe donated over \$5,700 toward helping those families struggling to provide for their children. In addition, St. Joseph School collected over 700 baby items for the Pregnancy Center.

WAY TO GO ST. JOE!!



Coat DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of new or gently used coats this winter. Please drop them off at the Parish Office or at St. Vincent de Paul on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-noon

Guide Book and Directory Advertising Opportunity

St. Joseph Parish has partnered with Guide Book Publishing to publish our annual Church Guidebook & Directory for our parish that will be updated and mailed directly to our parishioner homes. This book will be the who, what, when, where and how of our parish. The book is being provided at NO COST to our church. All costs are incurred through local advertising. Local businesses and parishioners are being contacted to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like information regarding advertising in our book, please contact Marianne Kempka Fuhrmann at 314.723.1982 or email her at mkfuhrmann4@gmail.com

Advent All Day Confessions

Friday, December 15

9-10 Fr. Thess

10-12 Fr. Dattilo

12-2 Fr. Thess

2-4 Fr. Schneider

4-6 Fr. Dyer



Around the Archdiocese

Mary, The Masterpiece of God

Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 7pm
Immaculate Conception - Park Hills

Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C. - Tickets are \$20
Contact Mary @ 618-691-8918
or Kristin @ 573-631-6997



United Way



We are in need of bell ringers. Please call the office to see what times are available or scan the QR code to sign up. December 13 from 12 - 8.





Birthdays



♡ *Anniversaries* ♡



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary ♡♡

To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!

