



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Established 1890



December 10, 2023

2nd 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

Deacon Mark Byington / Permanent Deacon deaconmark@stjosephfarmington.com

Dr. John Boyd / Principal jboyd@stjosephfarmington.com

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Agnes Hinkebein / Pastoral Health Care healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com

Connie Grindel / RCIA RCIA@stjosephfarmington.com

Abe AuBuchon / Bulletin Editor bulletin@stjosephfarmington.com

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

Sunday December 3, 2023



Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$22,690.15
Christmas Offering	\$95.00
Immaculate Conception	\$95.00
Electronic Deposit	\$550.00
Loose	\$613.00
Solemnity of Mary	<u>\$95.00</u>
	\$24,168.15

Current Week Year to Date

Sunday Offering	\$24,168.15	\$287,286.16
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,600.00</u>	<u>\$289,800.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	\$11,568.15	(\$2,513.84)



Specials

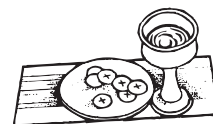
All Souls	\$75.00
Belize Mission Trip	\$300.00
Christmas Flowers	\$666.00
Human Development	\$25.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$321.00
Retired Religious	\$40.00
Partners in Education	\$392.00
Secret Santa	\$1,472.00
Seminaries	<u>\$205.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$3,496.00

Liturgical Life



Mass Schedule

December 11 - 17



Monday
11 **Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
8:00 am: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday
12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 2:1-6a
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 Lk 39-47
8:00 am: The Poor

Wednesday
13 **Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**
Readings: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8
and 10/Mt 11:28-30
8:00 am: Steve Mather

Thursday
14 **Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor**
Readings: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9,
10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
8:00 am: John Jennings

Friday
15 **Advent Weekday**
Readings: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt
11:16-19
8:00 am: Dale Boatright

Third Sunday of Advent

16 **Readings:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Bob Bone

& 17 **Sunday: 7:30 am: Bob Govreau**
9:00 am: Harvey Smith
10:30 am: St. Joseph Parishioners

Monday, December 11, 2023

Sacristans

Brenda Donze,
Linda Gillespie,
Karen Jones, Jo Rustemeyer

Money Counters

Donna Black, Sue Brown,
Kathy Neiner,
Debbie Thomure

Saturday, December 16

5:00 pm Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess
Lector: Mark Berkbigler
Extraordinary Minister: Mike Burch, Rich Dore,
Mark Halter, LeAnn Luedecke, Jill Patton
Ushers: John Denkler, Clifford Gerstner, George Kracke
Servers: Jimmy Martin, Leslie Martin
Cantor: Rustico Ramos

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess
Lector: Norene Leonard
Extraordinary Minister: Charlie Dill, Marge Dill,
Rich Dore, Steve Forsythe, Kathy Neiner
Ushers: Brenda Donze, Tom Donze, Bill Jokerst
Jack Neiner
Servers: Clare Maloney, Luke Maloney

9:00 am Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Rob Grindel
Extraordinary Minister: Mitch Fuemmeler, Jennifer
Rhodus, Joe Rhodus, Charlotte Vander Bol
Ushers: Dan Combs, John England, Tom Hill,
John Podolak
Servers: Madi Johnson, Reed Johnson
Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

Priest: Fr. William Thess
Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Pam Jaycox
Extraordinary Minister: Shirley Bieser, Charlie Boyd,
Risha Gaines, Phyllis LaPlant
Ushers: John Bieser, Ryan Dowell, Jared Pinkley,
Mike Ward
Servers: Easton Akers, Stella Gaines
Cantor: Judy Davis



St. Catherine of Alexandria



Mass Schedule:
Saturday 7:00 pm

Coffman, Missouri

Holy Day of Obligation:
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

December 16

Celebrant: Fr. William Thess

Lector: Bobby Eck

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

Offertory Bearers: Heberlie Family

Mass Intention: James Herzog

Weekly Offertory

December 2, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$770.00
Loose	\$227.00
Total	\$997.00

Happy Birthday!

December 10
Cory Herzog

December 12
Marion Webery

December 16
Sharon Hahn

Christmas Party
Dec. 10 at 5:30 pm

Parish Calendar

Planning Ahead



December 15
All Day Confessions



December 17
Our Father's Table



December 31
Knights of Columbus
New Years Eve Party



January 20
Trivia Night



March 9
Mouse Races

This Coming Week

Tuesday, December 12

Cantor Practice
7:00 pm • Church

Choir Practice
6:00 pm • Church

Wednesday, December 13

PSR
6:00 pm • School
No Rosary

First Reconciliation
6:00 pm • Church

Thursday, December 14

Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 5:30 pm • Church

RCIA
6:30 pm • Parish Center

Friday, December 15

All Day Confessions
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 17

Our Father's Table
4:00 - 6:00 pm • School

Prayer Life



Together We Pray for Those Who are Sick



Parishioners names are in bold.

Joni Jones	Tracey Renna
Bev Bryant	Barb Kirk
Jason Savage	Lauren Thebeau
Doug Forsythe	Kay Ward
Jordan Carroll	Paul AuBuchon
Diane Helms	Nancy Middleton
Annette Eaton	Jinny LeDuc
Carolyn Talbot	Madge Winch
Carmen Hall	Barb Coleman
Jack Hall	David Armstrong
Josephine Galvan	Robert Pipkin
Lesla Villmer	Anna June Midgett
Ron LaPlant	Paul Calbreath
Reg LaPlant	Jeff Parasino
Patrick Blankenship	Shirley Hutchings
John Sprawk	Larry Brown
Donna Jean Thurmond	Lucinda Dale
Don Thurmond	Pat McLain
Erin Eifert	Marie Edgar
Jen Maloney	Brian Cox
Maudie Kelly	Karen Moore
Richie Holmes	Amanda Hutchison
David Herbst	Cheri Calbreath
Betty Vogt	Sandy Cashion
Francis Vogt	Kate Hershberger
Brian Degonia	Jeanie Dubois

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.

Wednesday Rosary

Wednesday at 6:30 pm



No Rosary This Week

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

Parish Ministries







July 28th - August 3rd
Punta Gorda, Belize



Down Payment of \$200
Due by December 15th

Responsible for remaining balance if
we did not fundraise enough.



Living Arrangements
Guest House - Bunk Beds
All Meals Provided
Showers

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 mwhitener@stjosephfarmington.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



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

TODAY!!!

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.



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.



Parish Ministries

This Christmas Season
you can give the gift of a Catholic Education
AND receive a 100% Missouri State Tax Credit.

- RECEIVE A 100% STATE TAX CREDIT -
- GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION -
- FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED -

DON'T DELAY!
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO
DECEMBER 31st



Scan the QR code for more information
or visit [TTEF-STL.ORG/MOSCHOLARS](https://www.facebook.com/groups/3763686213866376/)

Message from School Principal Dr. Boyd

We have launched a new school facebook page. Parish members are more than welcome to join, as a matter of fact, we encourage you to join. If you need help or you're not sure how to join, please call the school. Moving forward this is where we will post school information and pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3763686213866376/>

Advent is here. All of us here at St. Joseph Catholic wish each of you the many Blessings of the Season. Let's all pray for all children around the world, especially those less fortunate.

Our Student Council has been very busy this quarter. They sponsored the baby items collection, needy families for Thanksgiving and hosted a Snowball Blitz Friday. Service projects are very important for our school and community.

I wanted to give a special thanks to those who take time to give me feedback about our school. I firmly believe we can always strive to do better. So, if you have a suggestion, please feel free to share it with me either on my email or give me a call at school.

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

Have a great week! God Bless.

Dr. Boyd

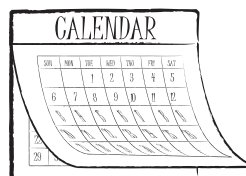
GO HORNETS!!!

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.

2024 Religious Calendars



Compliments of
**Cozean Memorial Chapel
& C.Z. Boyer & Son
Funeral Homes**
Available in the back of church.



St. Joseph Catholic School
501 Ste. Farmington, MO 63670

(573) 756-6312

IOWA Results

The following is a result of some numbers crunching to share our great news! Our students performed outstanding on the IOWA test this past fall.

- Science 5th – 6.7 (1.7 above grade level)
- Science 6th – 8.0 (2.0 above grade level) 1 score above HS level
- Science 7th – 9.9 (2.9 above grade level) 7 scored above HS level
- Science 8th – 11.2 (3.2 above grade level) 3 scored above HS level

- Social Studies 5th – 5.8 (.8 above grade level)
- Social Studies 6th – 7.6 (1.6 above grade level) 1 score above HS level
- Social Studies 7th – 10.7 (3.7 above grade level) 10 scored above HS level
- Social Studies 8th – 11.3 (3.3 above grade level) 2 scored above HS level

- Math 5th – 5.6 (.6 above grade level)
- Math 6th – 6.8 (.8 above grade level)
- Math 7th – 10.1 (3.1 above grade level) 6 scored above HS level
- Math 8th – 12.0 (4.0 above grade level) 4 scored above HS level

- ELA scores 4 subsets: reading, written expression, writing, vocabulary
- ELA 5th – Avg. 5.5 (.5 above grade level)
- ELA 6th – Avg. 7.8 (.8 above grade level) 5 scored above HS level
- ELA 7th – Avg. 10.1 (3.1 above grade level) 24 scored above HS level
- ELA 8th – Avg. 10.8 (2.8 above grade level) 7 scored above HS level

Complete Composite - 3rd grade: 86% of class was at or above grade level

4th grade: 64% of class was at or above grade level

Does St. Joseph have great students and teachers, I'll let the numbers speak for themselves!

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



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.



Welcome...



We warmly welcome to our Parish
Community the following Parishioner...

Rex and Nancy de Asis

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of



Lonnie Joe Wilkerson
father of parishioner
Tonya Herbst



**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

Baby Items For Christmas



The Christmas season is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In the spirit of giving, the Respect Life Committee is asking families to bring baby items to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and place them at the manger. These items will be distributed to Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center. They in turn will give the items to families in need. Items particularly needed are: clothes and sleepers (especially size 18 month-2T), scratch mittens, diapers and pull up (sizes 5 & 6 and Huggies size 4, 5, & 6), or any items parents would need to take care of their child. If you would like, the gift may be wrapped. Thank you for your support!

2023 St. Joseph School Auction

Thank you!!!

Thank you!!!



A Special Thank You...

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Fr. Thess, Deacon Mike Burch, Jane Ramos, Agnes Hinkebein, Jo Rustemeyer, all the parishioners who prayed for mom all these years and the delicious meal the Women of Mary provided after the funeral. Your support and kindness is sincerely appreciated, R.T.Kreitler and family

Our Father's Table

December 17 • 4:00 - 6:00
Cafeteria

Menu:
Christmas Dinner



Birthdays



♡ ***Anniversaries*** ♡



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary ♡♡

To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!

