



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Established 1890



December 24, 2023

## 4th Sunday of Advent

"Therefore the child  
to be born will be  
called holy,  
the Son of God."  
- Lk 1:35

### 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](mailto:williamthess@archstl.org)

##### Deacon Mark Byington

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##### Dr. John Boyd - Principal

[jboyd@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto: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](mailto:williamthess@archstl.org)  
 Deacon Mark Byington / Permanent Deacon ..... [deaconmark@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:deaconmark@stjosephfarmington.com)  
 Dr. John Boyd / Principal ..... [jboyd@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:jboyd@stjosephfarmington.com)  
 Jane Ramos / Director of PSR ..... [jramos@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:jramos@stjosephfarmington.com)  
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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

## Your Gifts to God and Parish



## Sunday December 10, 2023



### Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$8,750.00
Christmas Offering	\$170.00
Immaculate Conception	\$649.00
Electronic Deposit	\$3,370.00
Loose	\$503.05
Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,502.05</b>

### Specials

St. Vincent de Paul	\$95.00
Christmas Flowers	\$900.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$110.00
Retired Religious	\$50.00
Partners in Education	\$150.00
Secret Santa	\$665.00
Seminaries	\$375.00
<b>Total for Specials</b>	<b>\$2,345.00</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$13,502.05	\$300,788.21
Budgeted Amount	\$12,600.00	\$302,400.00
Shortage/Overage	\$902.05	(\$1,611.79)

# Liturgical Life

## The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**7:30 am: Jokerst & Montroy Families**

**9:00 am: Paul Fortman**

**10:30 am: Barbara Straughn**

Monday  
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## Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 1:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

**8:00 am: Joe & Mary Shields**

Tuesday  
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## Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**8:00 am: The Poor**

Wednesday  
27

## The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

**8:00 am: Frances Damba**

Thursday  
28

## Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/ Lk 2:22-35

**8:00 am: Bill Robinson**

Friday  
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## The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Saturday: 5:00 pm: Dan Stott**

**Sunday: 7:30 am: Amanda Jacobs**

**9:00 am: St. Joseph Parishioners**

**10:30 am: The Poor Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday  
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Sunday  
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## Wednesday, December 27, 2023

### Sacristans

Pat Boatright, Rita Boyd, Jane Eck, Kathy Thompson, Charlotte Vander Bol, Anne Crawford, Ann Lutsch, Shirley Bieser

### Money Counters

## Mass Schedule

December 25- 31

## Saturday, December 30

### 5:00 pm Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Charlotte Vander Bol

**Extraordinary Minister:** Dotty Bach, Laura Denkler, Mark Halter, LeAnn & Newt Luedecke

**Ushers:** John Denkler, Clifford Gerstner, George Kracke, Dylan Kelso

**Servers:** Mazie Bach, Dagny McCarver

**Cantor:** Emily Bach

## Sunday, December 31

### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Vickey Damba

**Extraordinary Minister:** Deacon Mike Burch, Brenda & Tom Donze, Norene Leonard, Kathy Neiner

**Ushers:** Jim Gerwitz, Corey Hulsey, Gerald Hulsey, Bill Jokerst

**Servers:** Audrey Abt

### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Susan Stroud

**Extraordinary Minister:** Anne Crawford, Rich Dore', Rob Grindel, Cindy Kelso, Mike Kelso

**Ushers:** Dan Combs, John England, Tim Maloney, John Podolak

**Servers:** Clare Maloney, Luke Maloney

**Cantor:** Dawn Fuemmeler

### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Phyllis LaPlant

**Extraordinary Minister:** Shirley Bieser, Charlie Boyd, Rich Dore', David Werner, Mandy Whitener

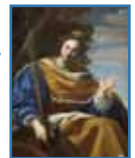
**Ushers:** Ryan Dowell, Jared Pinkley, Chad Speaker, Cory Wolff

**Servers:** Gage Whitener, Kya Whitener

**Cantor:** Rita Boyd



# St. Catherine of Alexandria



Mass Schedule:  
Saturday 7:00 pm

*Coffman, Missouri*

Holy Day of Obligation:  
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

## December 30

**Celebrant:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Bobby Eck

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Jimmy & Susie Herzog

**Offertory Bearers:** Heberlie Family

**Mass Intention:** James Herzog

## Weekly Offertory

**December 9, 2023**

Adult Envelopes \$160.00

Immaculate Conception \$40.00

Loose \$57.00

**Total \$257.00**

**Happy Birthday!**

December 27

**Klarissa Heberlie**

## Parish Calendar

### Planning Ahead



**December 31**

Knights of Columbus  
New Years Eve Gala



**January 3**

Women of Mary Meeting



**January 3**

Knights of Columbus Mtg



**January 6**

Rosary at the Flagpole



**January 6**

First Saturday Mass



**January 20**

Trivia Night

### This Coming Week

**Tuesday, December 26**

**Choir Practice**

6:00 pm • Church

**Cantor Practice**

7:00 pm • Church

**Thursday, December 28**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

8:30 am - 5:30 pm • Church

**Prayer Shawl**

9:00 am • Parish Center

**Wednesday, December 27**

**No PSR**

6:00 pm • School

**Rosary**

6:30 pm • Church

**Sunday, December 31**

**Knights New Year's Eve Gala**

School



# Prayer Life

## Together We Pray for Those Who are Sick



Parishioners names are in bold.

Georgia Adams  
**Jeff Parasino**  
**Hazel, Val and Mason Harrington**  
Raphael Jonathan  
Tiffany Edney  
Becky Fortman  
**Joni Jones**  
**Bev Bryant**  
Jason Savage  
Doug Forsythe  
Jordan Carroll  
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**

To add someone to the prayer list contact  
[prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com) or 756-4250.

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

**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

*Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart.*

For more information contact Charlie and Rita Boyd at 760-7887 • [ctboyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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**



*Our petition for this week:*  
**"Christmas peace for those lost in the world."**

**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](mailto:healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com)

## Parish Ministries

### Welcome...

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

**Ben and Veronica Campbell and their children Isaiah and Harper**



### Holiday Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

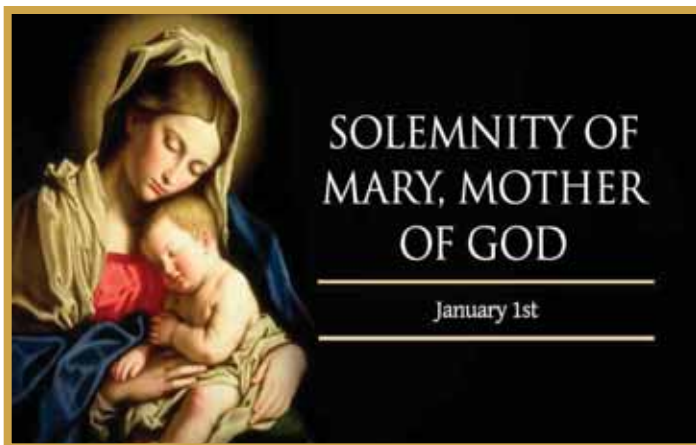
5 pm & Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

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

#### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1  
8:00 am



### Welcome to Our Guests

#### Welcome Home to Others. . .

We warmly welcome all of our visitors this Christmas season!!! If you are new to the area and visiting us for the first time, we sincerely welcome you to our faith community! Or if you have been away from the Church for a while, we sincerely welcome you **HOME** this Christmas!

**ST. JOE ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT!!!**

**MOVIE MADNESS!!!!**

Show off your movie knowledge and support St. Joseph School!

**JANUARY 20, 2024**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**  
**TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:30 PM**  
**\$20 PER PLAYER**



## Thank you for your loving Christmas Memorials in memory of the following loved ones...



***In memory of..... from***

Michael Connor and Francisco De La Cruz Lopez.....Justus and Meghan Arnett  
Fred & Jean Bach, Glennon and Hildegard Smith .....Jerry and Dotty Bach  
Bill Baker, The Baker and Zolman Families.....Mary Beth Baker  
John Keith, Mary Benoist and Betty Gough .....Tom & Tammy Benoist  
Katlynn Newhouse, Leonard Pinson, Ruby Kincaid, Eva Kohut, Steve Kohut,  
Ted & Sally Barnhouse and Joe Pinson ..... Joe and Kelly Barnhouse  
Eva & Francis Bieser, Cletus & Frances Seabaugh and  
Lillian & Frank D.Williams..... John and Shirley Bieser  
The Hislop, Austin and Bley Families ..... Louie & Eva Bley  
Vincent and Jewell Blunt ..... David Blunt  
Glennon & Hildegard Smith, Dale & Rose Boatright and  
Lindell & Elvina Harter.....Kevin and Pat Boatright  
Bob & Jo Boyd, Art & Madeline Lampen, Bob Boyd, George Boyd  
and Mary Jones ..... Charlie and Rita Boyd  
CE (Kopie) & Lucille Koppeis, Charles Belken Family, Florian Koppeis Family,  
Jennifer Koppeis Scalzitti and Harley Burch Family.....Deacon Mike and Pat Burch  
Jerry Bush, Dr. & Mrs. W.R. Sheets ..... Diane Bush  
Julio Ubadillo, Lourdes Ubadillo, Geroso Gamarin, P. Einvenida Camarin  
and Erwin Dolumraz ..... Chris Camarin  
Dolores Fitzgerald, The Deceased Santoyo Family Members, Bill Craft  
and Helen Gregory ..... Fran Craft  
Wulfers Family and Teresa Kiser ..... Curt and Anne Crawford  
John Crouch, Frystak Family and Crouch Family .....Kathy Crouch  
The Donze and Herbst Families ..... Tom & Brenda Donze  
Doss and Shields Families ..... Ron and Barb Doss  
Nancy Eck, Carroll Allen, H.E Francis Jr., Jill Walker and James Francis.....John and Jane Eck  
Paul Fortman, Joe & Jean VanderBol and Fritz & Agnes Fortman..... Joann Fortman  
Jesus Galvan and Guadalupe Galvan  
..... Josephine Galvan, Carmen Hall, Tommi Burton & Rosie Galvan  
Esther Gerstner, Mary Lewis and Robert Edward & Bernice Parra Boylan..... Skip and Brenda Gerstner  
Vernon and Frances Govreau ..... James Govreau  
Ben Striebel Family, Charles Govreau Family, Mary Huber, Justin Wright,  
and Bob Govreau .....Mary Lou Govreau



# Parish Ministries



Paul Greer, Harry & Charlotte Barnes, Melinda Craig and Brandon Craig.....	Diane Greer
Jack, Peggy and Steve Weber and Bill & June Hall .....	Kent and Jennifer Hall
Deceased Members of the Harris and Keaveny Families .....	Richard and Rita Harris
Anthony & Eleanor Zakrewski, Richard & Gerry Zakrewski, Vearl & Loretta Brown,	
Obie & Zelma Harrison, Omev & Nora Harrison .....	James and Janice Harrison
Bert & Violet Hayden, Lon & Lunette Hayden, Sherry Salmon,	
and Hazel Stevenson .....	Chuck and Rose Hayden
Brian Heberlie, Vogt and Heberlie Families.....	Clinton and Mary Heberlie
Shirley Rick, Garrett Propst and Bryant Propst .....	Joel and Karen Hommelson
B.F. & Glenda Johnson, Cynthia Gegg Marler	
and Jill Schnurbusch Mitchell .....	David and Jane Howard
Todd Jokerst, Montroy and Jokerst Families .....	Bill and Geneva Jokerst
Rita & Wm. Kramek, Mary Moll, Earl Jones, Margie Ferrell, James Kramek	
and Linda Resinger.....	Gary and Joni Jones
Elsie J. Jones .....	Jamie Jones
The Wiley, Bevolo, Stocker and Kay Families .....	Charlotte Kay
Margaret, John, David and Melba Kite, John & Fannie DeClue and Rebecca Morris.....	LaDonna Kite
Sandi Kracke .....	George Kracke
Carolyn Talbot and Omer Stenger.....	Norene Leonard
Louis & Corrine Dolence and Russell & Faye Miller.....	Gary and Kathy Miller
Michael & Cecelia Ott, Charles & Matilda Gremminger, Mark Ott,	
and Agnes Warden .....	Chester and Nancy Ott
Robert "Bob" Bone .....	Keith & Marsha Petty
Pat & Don Johnson .....	Keith & Donna Ratliff
Jack & Mildred Cox, Clarice Hausman and Joan Carlson.....	Dottie Reeves
Tom Rigdon, Jerry Wengler, and Smith and Rigdon Families .....	Carolyn Rigdon
Robinson and Naeger Families .....	Tom and Jean Robinson
Mary Lou & Warren Lodholz .....	Gary and Sue Ross
Dennis W. Schaaf and Albert & Rita Winkler.....	Judy Schaaf-Wheeler
The Smith Children.....	John and Sandra Smith
Ron Thomure, Everett & Bertha Thomure, Burnell & Alice Sulsen	
and Carl & Rosalie Jokers .....	Debbie Thomure
Edgar & Thelma Hermann and Fred, Terry & Greg Urbantke .....	Gary and Ruth Urbantke
Joseph VanderBol, Georgianna VanderBol, Elizabeth Boyd	
Paul Fortman and Norman Boyd.....	Ron and Charlotte VanderBol
Robert & Mary Mather, Judson & Catherine Willis, Marc & Paulette Boardman, Stephen Mather, Steve	
Willis, Judson Willis III, Patricia Mather and Jeannette Mather .....	Jim And Annette Willis
Carole L. Douglas and George M. Williams .....	Thomas and Kelly Williams
Evelyn Barnes .....	Gene and Madgie Winch
<b>In honor of.....</b>	<b>from</b>
Jo Rustemeyer .....	Chuck and Rose Hayden



## Parish Ministries

*Don't forget to pick up your free copy of Matthew Kelly's book, beautiful Eucharist, in the back of church after mass.*



Nothing will transform your life quite like a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. When we encounter Jesus, he changes us in powerful and unexpected ways. He heals us, brings us peace and clarity, models how to relate with others, and teaches us the lessons we need to learn to navigate the everyday situations of our lives. In the Eucharist we meet with the same Jesus who healed the blind, forgave sins, and rose from the dead. Are you ready to discover how he can transform your life too?

Beautiful Eucharist is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

The world needs the healing and hope only Jesus can provide. He is waiting in the Eucharist to transform families, Churches, communities, and the culture as a whole. And all of that begins with your own life-changing encounter with him today.

Beautiful Eucharist is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.

### Shrine to Our Lady of the Rosary

#### Nightly Telephone Rosary

6:30 Every Evening

To join us, call 727-731-5659.

Call between 6:20-6:30 to add your petitions.  
Mary & Richard Broome

### Message from School Principal Dr. Boyd

Merry Christmas from all of us here at St. Joseph Catholic School. We pray all of you have a wonderful new year. May 2024 bring health, happiness and hope.

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/>. Christmas break is December 22-January 2nd. School resumes on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Dr. Boyd

GO HORNETS!!!

you are invited to the

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GALA

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Sunday, December 31 at 6pm in the evening

Open bar, dancing, DJ, food, friends, community, and a champagne toast at MIDNIGHT

\$50 a couple, tickets are sold through the St. Joseph Parish Office

## Parish Ministries

### Congratulations!



Congratulations, Mason and Val Harrington  
on the arrival of Hazel Rose Harrington  
on December 4, 2023

### Office Closing Early

To allow our Parish Staff to have time  
to spend with their families during this  
Holiday Season, our office will be  
closed **Monday, December 25**  
and **Tuesday, December 26**.



### Eucharistic Adoration



We are in need of 1 adorer for  
Adoration from 2:30-3:30.

Please call the parish office to sign up.

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 31<sup>st</sup>.



Scan the QR code for more information  
or visit [TTEF-STL.ORG/MOSCHOLARS](http://TTEF-STL.ORG/MOSCHOLARS)

### First Saturday Mass

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



### 2024 Religious Calendars



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

Available in the back of church.



*Birthdays*



♡ *Anniversaries* ♡



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary ♡♡

To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!

