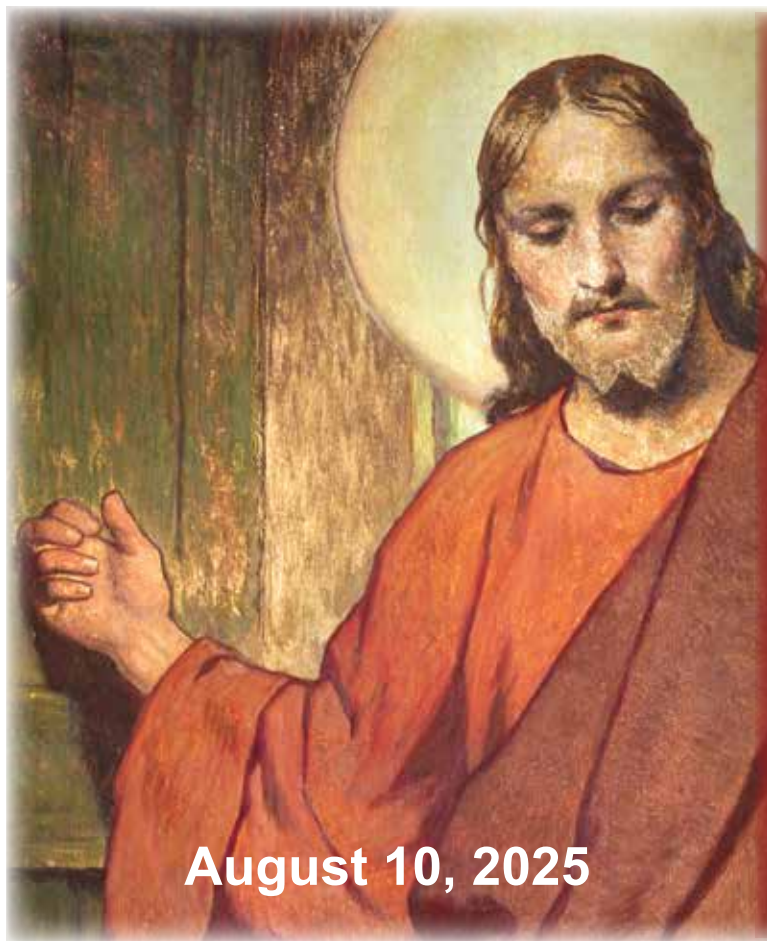




# St. Joseph Catholic Church & St. Catherine of Alexandria



## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

- Lk 12:39-40

**August 10, 2025**

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### **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**

Monday - Friday - 8:00 am

School Mass Fridays Aug-May

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Saturday - 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of  
Alexandria

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

First Saturday - 8:30 am

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday • 8:00 - 3:00 pm

#### **Sacraments**

##### **Reconciliation**

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm

Sundays 7:00-7:15 am

##### **Marriage**

Please contact the parish office.

##### **Baptism**

Please contact the parish office.

## Welcome to St. Joseph & St. Catherine of Alexandria

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please Call \_\_\_\_ I've Moved \_\_\_\_ New Parishioner \_\_\_\_ Address Change

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

## Our Pastoral Team

**Rev. Gerson Parra / Parochial Administrator**..... gersonparra@archstl.org - ext. 301  
**Deacon Mark Byington / Permanent Deacon** ..... deaconmark@stjosephfarmington.com - ext. 312  
**Deacon Rich Doré / Permanent Deacon** ..... deaconrich@stjosephfarmington.com - ext. 312  
**Dr. John Boyd / Principal** ..... jboyd@stjosephfarmington.com - ext. 309  
**Jane Ramos / Director of PSR** ..... jramos@stjosephfarmington.com - ext. 306  
**Lisa Cartee / Office - Business Manager** ..... secretary@stjosephfarmington.com - ext. 311  
**Jake and Mandy Whitener / Youth Group** ..... mwhitener@stjosephfarmington.com  
**Connie Grindel / RCIA** ..... RCIA@stjosephfarmington.com - ext. 300  
**Abe AuBuchon / Bulletin Editor** ..... bulletin@stjosephfarmington.com

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

John Bieser - Cemetery Association / Chris Martin - Knights of Columbus

Dan Jaycox - School Board President / Mark Berkbigler - Athletics

Tom Benoist - Parish Council President / Pat Boatright - Respect Life

Donna Conklin - Women of Mary President / Jodie Berkbigler - HIVE

## Your Gifts to God and Parish

### August 3, 2025

#### Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$15,952.10
Assumption	\$165.00
Electronic Deposit	\$665.00
Loose	\$922.00
	<b>\$17,704.10</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$17,704.10	\$58,557.21
Budgeted Amount	\$12,950.00	\$64,750.00
Shortage/Overage	<b>\$4,754.10</b>	<b>(\$6,192.79)</b>

#### Specials

Maintenance & Repair	\$249.00
Our Father's Table	\$479.00
Partners in Education	\$895.00
Respect Life	\$100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20.00
<b>Total for Specials</b>	<b>\$1,743.00</b>

#### St. Catherine of Alexandria

##### August 2, 2025

Adult Collection	\$615.00
Assumption	\$5.00
Loose	\$49.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$669.00</b>



## Come and See: An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith - OCIA

Have you ever felt a longing for deeper meaning, truth, and spiritual connection? Do you have questions about God, the Bible, or the teachings of the Church? Are you someone who has never been baptized, belongs to another Christian tradition, or simply wants to know more about the Catholic faith?

You are warmly invited to begin a journey of discovery through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). OCIA is the process through which adults explore the roots of our faith, encounter the living Gospel, and grow in understanding of what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic.

As Catholics, it is vital that we know our faith not only for our own understanding but to grow in our spiritual lives and become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church invites each of us to deepen our relationship with the Lord, to be formed in truth, and to live out our baptismal call with conviction and joy. Learning and embracing the richness of the Catholic faith helps us grow in love for God, for others, and for the Church.

Through prayer, study, and community, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the Catholic Church's teachings, beliefs, and traditions
- Reflect on Sacred Scripture and how God is working in your life
- Deepen your relationship with Christ
- Prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)
- Be equipped to live as a missionary disciple in the world

We are inspired by the words from the Gospel of John when two disciples ask Jesus, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" and Jesus responds, "Come and see." (John 1:38-39)

This is Christ's invitation to each of us—to come, see, and follow Him. Our parish OCIA sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 10, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and continue weekly until May 20.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Connie Grindel at 573-756-4250, or stop by our parish office to chat more. We'd love to walk this journey of faith with you!

In Christ,  
Fr. Gerson Parra

Parochial Administrator





# Mass Schedule

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Readings:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19,  
20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

**Saturday:5:00 pm: \* Larry & Lisa Pratte**

**Saturday:7:00 pm: St. Catherine & St.  
Joseph Parishioners  
at St. Catherines of Alexandria**

**Sunday:7:30 am: †Justin Wright**

**9:00 am: \* Ryan Dowell**

**10:30 am: †Jerry Maloney**

Mon.  
II

**Saint Clare, Virgin**

**Readings:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,  
14/Mt 17:22-27

**8:00 am: †Francis Reed**

Tue.  
I2

**Weekday**

**Readings:** Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and  
12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**8:00 am: \*Robert & Andrea Leonard**

Wed.  
I3

**Weekday**

**Readings:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8,  
16-17/Mt 18:15-20

**8:00 am: †Gary Busenbark**

Thur.  
I4

**Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr**

**Readings:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2,  
3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

**8:00 am: †Pete Dastoor**

**7:00 pm: Doretta Herzog  
at St. Catherines of Alexandria**

Friday  
I5

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Readings:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10,  
11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**7:00 am: †Margaret McCaney**

**8:00 am: †Don Weiler**

**7:00 pm: †Pat McLain**

## Monday, August 11, 2025

### Sacristans

Brenda Donze,  
Linda Gillespie,

Karen Jones, Norene Leonard

### Money Counters

Donna Black, Sue Brown,  
Kathy Neiner,

Debbie Thomure

## Saturday, August 16

### 5:00 pm Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Vanessa Trokey

**Extraordinary Minister:** Ronald Brooks, Sandi Brooks,  
Laura Denkler, Mark Halter

**Ushers:** James Cissell, John Denkler, George Kracke,  
Mike Wolo

**Servers:** Jackson Goodson, Michaela-Grace Goodson

**Cantor:** Emily Bach

### 7:00 pm Mass

#### @ St. Catherine of Alexandria

**Lector:** Agnes Herzog

**Extraordinary Minister:** Jimmy & Susie Herzog

**Offertory Bearers:** John & Peggy Adams

## Sunday, August 17

### 7:30 am Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Norene Leonard

**Extraordinary Minister:** Brenda Donze, Tom Donze,  
Steve Forsythe, Tim Maloney

**Ushers:** Jay Ellis, Jim Gerwitz, Gerald Hulsey,  
Jack Neiner

**Servers:** Kaiden Hale, Myranda Hale

### 9:00 am Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Rich Doré

**Lector:** Charlotte Vander Bol

**Extraordinary Minister:** Anne Crawford, Cindy Kelso,  
Nikki Sheets, Susan Stroud

**Ushers:** John England, Tom Hill, Amy Martin,  
Chris Martin

**Servers:** Di Phan, My Phan

**Cantor:** Tom Berkbigler

### 10:30 am Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Rich Doré

**Lector:** Phyllis LaPlant

**Extraordinary Minister:** Charles Boyd, Jana Dore,  
Helen Thurman, John Thurman

**Ushers:** John Bieser, Jared Pinkley, Chad Speakar,  
Cory Wolff

**Servers:** Easton Akers, Mia Hutson

**Cantor:** Judy Davis

# Prayer Life

## Together We Pray for



Parishioners names are in bold.



**Jim Wilson**  
Sue Bays  
**Jerry Bieser**  
**Diane Greer**  
Ben Bock  
Laura West  
**Keith Rariden**  
Bob Eckenfels  
**Patricia Wofford**  
Dana Miller  
Gloria Kania  
Carol Riutta  
Jo Rustemeyer  
Sharon Cleve  
Nary Britton  
Stephanie Danieleley  
Bauerley  
Larry Winick  
Lloyd Davis  
Bonnie Whitaker  
**Rose Petinga**  
Joey O'Farrell  
**Carol Johnson**  
**Terry O'Brien**  
Brian Eads  
Kathy Eads  
Brian Rigdon  
Gary Beck

**Marilyn Currington**  
Kim Payne  
**Madgie Winch**  
**Gene Winch**  
**Lizzie Eck**  
BJ Walz  
**Linda Penberthy**  
Kerry Mason  
Melissa Hage  
**Michelle Podolak**  
Paul Podolak  
Linda Zinser Eagle  
Dick Ryan  
**Steve Forsythe**  
Garrett Martin  
**Diane Greer**  
Ed Schuch  
Cindy Seek  
Leeman Schwent Sr.  
Katie Fleming  
Liz Presnell Klutsarits  
Steve Baechle  
**Debbie Douglas**  
**Ryan Dowell**  
Hannah Piel  
June Hodge  
**Barbara White**  
Sarah Menard

To add someone to the prayer list contact  
[prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com) or 573-756-4250.

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

**Lauren (Rodney) Pinkston**

**Valeria (Mason) Harrington**

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.

*Our Thanks To:* **Robyn Pipkin**



for watering and tending to our  
potted plants this coming week

## Wednesday Rosary

**Wednesday at 6:30 pm**



*Our petition for this week:*

**"For all those recovering from  
natural disasters."**

## The Gift of the Anointing of the Sick

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the priests of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.” – James 5:14

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the most beautiful and consoling sacraments of the Church. It is a powerful encounter with Christ for those facing serious illness, undergoing surgery, struggling with chronic conditions, or nearing the end of life. Through sacred prayer and anointing with blessed oil, the person receives spiritual strength, peace, and often even physical healing, in the embrace of God’s mercy.

### A Sacrament of Healing and Hope

Too often, the Anointing of the Sick is thought of only as “last rites.” But this sacrament is not only for the dying—it is meant for any Catholic who is seriously ill in body, mind, or spirit. It brings hope, forgiveness of sins, and the courage to suffer in union with Christ.

Receiving the sacrament in time—before a medical crisis or unconsciousness—allows the person to be fully present and spiritually open to its grace.

### When Should Someone Be Anointed?

You or your loved one may receive Anointing of the Sick:

- Before surgery or a medical procedure
- During serious illness or physical decline
- If diagnosed with a life-threatening condition
- As the end of life approaches

### How to Request Anointing

If you or someone you know is in need of this sacrament, please reach out:

Call the parish office:

573-756-4250 ext. 300

Office Hours: Monday to Friday,

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Emergencies (after hours or weekends):

573-756-4250 ext. 317

Email: [sacraments@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:sacraments@stjosephfarmington.com)

If you are currently homebound or are hospitalized or know of a parishioner who is, please contact the parish office at 573-756-4250 or email at: [secretary@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:secretary@stjosephfarmington.com)

### Confession Times:

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm

Sundays 7:00-7:15 am

We encourage families not to wait until the last moment. The sacrament is most powerful when received in faith and peace, surrounded by loved ones. As your parish family, we are here to support you in times of illness and to bring Christ’s healing presence into your life.

Let us walk with you in prayer, compassion, and hope.

# Parish Calendar

## Planning Ahead



**September 1**

Parish Office  
Closed



**September 7**

Doughnut Sunday



**September 14**

Knights of  
Columbus  
Breakfast



**September 28**

Turkey Shoot



**November 1**

Dinner Auction

## This Coming Week

**Thursday, August 14**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

8:30 am - 5:30 pm • Church

**Meet & Greet**

5:30 pm • Gym

**Friday, August 15**

**First Day of School**

**Sunday, August 17**

**Our Father's Table**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Cafeteria

**Tuesday, August 12**

**Prayer Shawl**

9:00 am • Parish Center

**Cantor Practice**

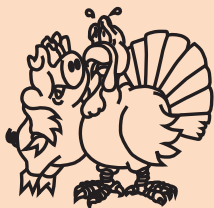
7:00 pm • Church

**Wednesday, August 13**

**Rosary**

6:30 pm • Church

## St. Catherine's Annual Turkey Shoot Sunday, September 28th



# Attention!

Mark Your Calendar!



**We are getting ready for our Annual Fall Festival and Turkey Shoot!!!**



- We are needing raffle baskets or donations toward raffle baskets.



- T-Shirt orders are due by September 5



- We are needing bottles for the bottle booth. Any nonperishable, unopened, unexpired bottle items will be accepted.
- We are needing items for the country store.

**Please contact Lisa for more information.**



# Parish Ministries

## Message from School Principal Dr. Boyd

Welcome everyone to the 2025-2026 school year! We begin next Friday with dismissal at 11:30. I always look forward to having our hallways full of students once again.

It has been a productive summer. Getting everything updated and ready is always a chore. We have added security film on all the windows on Long Street. I'm in the process of writing a grant for all entrance doors to the school and all the windows and doors in the front of the school.

We have our school meet/greet on August 14th from 5:30 – 7. If you haven't been to school in a while, stop by and see us.

All student internet passwords were suspended as of this past Friday. Come to our meet/greet and sign our Acceptable Use Policy. There is one for parents and one for students. Passwords will be restored as soon as we get both parent and student copy signed. This is done for everyone's protection. If you can't make it on the 14th, we'll send them home on Friday, August 15th.

We are looking to add more students. If you know anyone interested in our school, please have them contact me for a tour - 573-756-6312 x-309.

The uniform policy and current school calendar can be found on our web page.

Our school facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/SJCSFarmington](http://www.facebook.com/SJCSFarmington)

Our school web-site:  
[www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://www.stjosephfarmington.com)

GO HORNETS...

Dr. Boyd

## St. Joseph Parish Council



We are seeking candidates to replace two board members that have completed their term. The new members will serve a three-year term. Each term runs from September to August. (The board meets every other month from September to May.) If interested, call the parish office as soon as possible at 756-4250 or fill out the form below to submit your name or to nominate a parishioner. **An election for these positions will be held next month and all submissions need to be received by August 15.**

### Parish Council Nominee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Joseph School Board Elections



The St. Joseph School Board is seeking candidate to replace one board member that has completed their term. The new member will serve a three-year term. Each term runs from August to July. The board meets quarterly during the school year. If interested, call the parish office as soon as possible at 756-4250 or fill out the form below to submit your name or to nominate a parishioner. **An election for these positions will be held next month and all submissions need to be received by August 15.**

### School Board Nominee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Welcome...*

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

**Kristopher Buckley**



# Parish Ministries

## National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

You and your loved ones are invited to a special music concert featuring the Polyhymnia Women's Choir called the "Sing of Mary" at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, on Sunday, August 24, at 2:00 p.m. Polyhymnia Women's Choir of St. Louis, a Catholic women's choir, will perform medieval and modern sacred music that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please contact us at 1-800-264-6279 for more information.



St. Joseph Parish  
**St. Vincent de Paul  
Food Pantry**

**Open Tuesday and Friday, 9-12 pm**

For assistance call 756-0997  
svdp63640@gmail.com

**ST. JOSEPH  
YOUTH GROUP**

**INTERESTED IN JOINING?**  
FIRST MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 7:00PM  
WHERE: WHITENER HOUSE

**STARTS  
8/10/25**

FOOD - FUN - FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US ON REMIND  
RECORD CODE: STJYOUTH25

## Catholic Belief Spotlight:



In his book, "The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist," (copy available in the Adoration book bin) Father Robert DeGrandis tells us that we can gain more from Holy Communion by wearing the "eyeglasses of faith." He advises us not to see the priest or the Eucharistic minister giving us Communion, but to **form an image of Jesus giving you Himself.**

Fr. DeGrandis says that Jesus is giving you His body and blood for your healing. Jesus' love is pouring forth and He is blessing us in abundance. We usually don't feel this, but it is happening. He likens it to entering a room filled with uranium. We might not feel the radiation upon us, but it is affecting us powerfully.

After Holy Communion, do we return to our seats and watch the line of parishioners who are going up to receive Jesus? Fr. DeGrandis says, "If Catholics really comprehend who it is they are receiving and believe that Jesus the healer has just come into their hearts, I don't think they would be looking around the church or fumbling with bulletins or hymnals. This is one of the greatest moments for healing. I think they would be using this time for prayer and thanksgiving."

# hope into action

**In this Jubilee Year of Hope, what does it mean to bring Hope into Action in our hurting & desperate world?**

Join us for a morning of reflection exploring how we are called to be **Pilgrims of Hope in Action** in both practical and aspirational ways

**Saturday, October 18**  
**8:30 am - 12 noon**  
**Parish Center -**  
**St. Joseph Farmington**  
**10 N Long Ave St,**  
**Farmington, MO 63640**



For more information, please contact:

Jennifer Meehan at 314.363.6945 or [jmeehan@archstl.org](mailto:jmeehan@archstl.org)  
or George Herrera at 314.857.3179 or [georgeherrera@archstl.org](mailto:georgeherrera@archstl.org)

Please register via email or this QR code:



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**Birthdays**



**Anniversaries**



**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary** 

**To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!**

