



# St. Joseph & St. Catherine Parishes



**August 31, 2025**

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

- Lk 14:13-14

### **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  
7:00 pm at St. Catherine  
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
First Saturday - 8:30 am

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday • 8:00 - 3:30 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  
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**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

**St. Catherine**  
 Jimmy Herzog - Parish Council President  
 Marilyn Gegg - Ladies Sodality  
 John Adams - Men's Club

## Your Gifts to God and Parish

### August 24, 2025

#### Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$9,669.00
Assumption	\$20.00
Electronic Deposit	\$1,935.00
Loose	\$944.00
	<b>\$12,568.00</b>

	Current Week	Year to Date
Sunday Offering	\$12,568.00	\$96,188.49
Budgeted Amount	\$12,950.00	\$103,600.00
Shortage/Overage	(\$382.00)	(\$7,411.51)

#### Specials

Catholic Relief	\$20.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$80.00
Our Father's Table	\$20.00
Partners in Education	\$65.00
<b>Total for Specials</b>	<b>\$565.00</b>

#### St. Catherine of Alexandria

##### August 23, 2025

Adult Collection	\$450.00
Loose	\$123.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$573.00</b>



## A Note from Fr. Gerson:

In today's Gospel, Jesus observes how people seek honor at a feast and offers guidance on humility, teaching that true discipleship calls us to serve rather than be served. Choosing the lowest place and inviting the marginalized those who cannot repay us, reflects the heart of the Gospel: selfless love and generosity.

As disciples, we are called to imitate Christ's humility, placing others before ourselves, not for recognition but to bear witness to God's kingdom. Evangelization is not only proclaiming the Gospel with words but also living it through actions—welcoming the poor, the vulnerable, and the overlooked. In doing so, our lives become a silent, powerful testimony to God's love, inviting others to encounter Christ through our example.

Reflection Question: "Whom am I called to invite or include in my life and in our parish this week?" How can I humbly serve others and make space for those in need this week? Do I feel called to volunteer and help at St. Vincent de Paul?

Please note that I will be out of town from September 3rd through September 10th. During this time, I will be in Guayaquil, Ecuador, preaching a retreat at San Alberto Parish. I kindly ask for your prayers for safe travels and for the fruits of this mission.

Visiting priests will assist with Masses and parish needs while I'm away. If you need something, please reach out to the parish office for assistance.

Thank you for your understanding!

In Christ,

**Fr. Gerson Parra**

Parochial Administrator

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### Fr. Gerson's Schedule

09/02/25

10:00 am Staff Meeting

3:15 pm Faculty Meeting

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

- 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.

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



- T-Shirt orders are due by September 5

**Please contact Lisa for more information.**

## PHILIPPINE FESTIVAL

**WHEN: SEPT. 20TH, 2025**  
**TIME: 11AM-5PM**  
**WHERE: ENGLER PARK**  
**KNIGHT & HAMPTON PAVILLION**  
**FARMINGTON, MO 63640**



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

## Creation Care Summit

Sponsored by the Laudato Si Commission

*Planting Seeds of Peace & Hope*

Saturday, Sept. 13

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cardinal Rigali Center  
20 Archbishop May Dr.



Register Here!

[bit.ly/2025CreationSummit](https://bit.ly/2025CreationSummit)



# Mass Schedule

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Saturday: 5:00 pm:** † Deacon Robert Penberthy

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**Saturday: 7:00 pm:** Jim & Doretta Herzog

**Sunday: 7:30 am:** † Joseph Carlisle

**9:00 am:** \* Parishioners

**10:30 am:** † Ron LaPlant

**Mon. Weekday**

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**Readings:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

**8:00 am:** † John Reed

**Tue. Weekday**

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**Readings:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

**8:00 am:** † Gilbert & Louise Naeger

**Wed. Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor**

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**Readings:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**8:00 am:** \* Ryan Dowell

**Thur. Weekday**

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**Readings:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**8:00 am:** † Gary Busenbark

**Friday Weekday**

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**Readings:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

**8:00 am:** † Deacon Robert Penberthy

## Tuesday, September 2, 2025

### Sacristans

Jayne Wooldridge,

Bobbie Thomure,

Sandi Brooks, Vanessa Trokey

### Money Counters

Donna Black, Sue Brown,

Kathy Neiner,

Debbie Thomure

## Saturday, September 6

### 5:00 pm Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Rich Doré

**Lector:** Shawn McCarver

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

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

**Servers:** Tripp David, Dagny McCarver

**Cantor:** Jane Ramos

### 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine

**Lector:** Cory Herzog

**Extraordinary Minister:** Lisa Cartee & Peggy Adams

**Offertory Bearers:** Tom & Linda Smith

## Sunday, September 7

### 7:30 am Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Rich Doré

**Lector:** Norene Leonard

**Extraordinary Minister:** Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Jana Dore, Kathy Neiner

**Ushers:** Ed Brown, Jay Ellis, Jim Gerwitz, Gerald Hulsey

**Servers:** Kaiden Hale, Myranda Hale

### 9:00 am Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Rob Grindel

**Extraordinary Minister:** Anne Crawford, Cheryl Gibson, Jimmy Gibson, Susan Stroud

**Ushers:** John England, Amy Martin, Chris Martin, John Podolak

**Servers:** Jimmy Martin, Leslie Martin

**Cantor:** Dawn Fuemmeler

### 10:30 am Mass

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Rustico Ramos

**Extraordinary Minister:** Risha Gaines, Phyllis LaPlant, Helen Thurman, John Thurman

**Ushers:** Tim Maloney, Chad Speakar, Mike Ward, Cory Wolff

**Servers:** Stella Gaines, Kannedy Hubbard

**Cantor:** Judy Davis

## St. Joseph Parish – Town Hall Meeting Questions

As we look to the future of **St. Joseph Parish**, we are called to be a **vibrant and dynamic community** rooted in **evangelization, faith formation, and discipleship**. To grow stronger in these areas, we invite you to **prayerfully reflect** and share your thoughts on the following questions. Please **write your responses** and place them in the **collection basket** or **return them to the parish office**.

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### Evangelization & Mission

1. How can St. Joseph Parish deepen its mission of evangelization to reach more people with the Good News?
2. What new ways can we explore to share Christ's love and mission in our community?
3. What kind of training or support would help you feel more prepared to evangelize?
4. What resources would be most helpful in sharing your faith?

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### Faith Formation & Discipleship

5. What opportunities for faith formation and discipleship should our parish offer to help parishioners grow closer to Christ?
6. How can St. Joseph Parish support you and your family in becoming active disciples and joyful witnesses of Christ?

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### Parish Life & Community

7. What makes St. Joseph Parish a vibrant and dynamic community, and how can we build on these strengths?
8. What areas need improvement to better support a thriving parish life?
9. What challenges does our parish face as we work toward renewal and growth?
10. How can we better accompany one another on the journey of faith and service?

11. How can we make our parish and parish school more welcoming and inviting to newcomers?

12. What has helped you feel a sense of belonging at St. Joseph? What makes it hard for others to feel connected?

13. Are there parish groups, ministries, or events you wish existed here?

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### **Worship & Spiritual Practices**

14. What aspects of our liturgies (Mass, music, homilies, environment) help you encounter God? What could be improved?

15. Are there prayer or devotional practices you would like to see offered more often (e.g., Adoration, Rosary, healing services)?

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### **Communication & Leadership**

16. Do you feel informed about what is happening in the parish? How can we improve communication?

17. How can parish leadership (pastoral council, staff, clergy) better listen to and support parishioners?

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### **Stewardship & Involvement**

18. In what ways do you feel called to share your time, talent, or treasure with the parish? What support would you need to take the next step?

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### **Suggestions**

19. Do you have any additional ideas or suggestions to help strengthen our parish community?

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Your input is **vital** as we discern together how to build a parish that is **alive in faith**, committed to forming **missionary disciples**, and **boldly sharing the Gospel**.

**Your voice matters** as we journey forward, united in faith and hope for a flourishing future!

In Christ,

Fr. Gerson Parra  
Parochial Administrator

# Prayer Life

## Together We Pray for



Parishioners names are in bold.



**Lisa Calanquin**  
**Helen Thurman**  
Reed Fuemmeler  
Wayne Mann  
Brenda Bennett  
Ray Hull  
**Marilyn Currington**  
**Ryan Dowell**  
Sue Psujek  
**Debbie Douglas**  
**Walt Douglas**  
Andrea Slaner  
**Amye Bordewick**  
**Leslie Hughes**  
**Jim Wilson**  
Sue Bays  
**Jerry Bieser**  
**Diane Greer**  
Laura West  
**Keith Rariden**  
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

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.

## Wednesday Rosary

### NOTICE: Holy Rosary Time Change

Dear Parishioners,

Please note that beginning Wednesday, September 3rd, the Holy Rosary time will change from 6:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The date remains the same each week.

This adjustment is being made to accommodate PSR and RCIA, which also take place on Wednesday evenings and may require use of the church.

Thank you so much for your understanding and continued support.

Fr. Gerson Parra  
Parochial Administrator

## Our Thanks To: **LeAnn Luedecke**



for watering and tending to our  
potted plants this coming week

## Wednesday Rosary

Wednesday at 5:30 pm



*Our petition for this week:*  
**"For all of the souls in  
purgatory."**

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of

**June Davault**

mother of Blaine Davault



**Mary T. Heberlie**

step-mother of Clinton Heberlie and  
Stan Heberlie



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

# Parish Calendar

## Planning Ahead



**September 7**  
Doughnut Sunday



**September 14**  
Knights of  
Columbus  
Breakfast



**September 28**  
Turkey Shoot



**October 5**  
Chicken Dinner



**November 1**  
Dinner Auction

**Monday, September 1**

Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 2**

**Choir Practice**  
6:00 pm • Church

**Cantor Practice**  
7:00 pm • Church

**Wednesday, September 3**

**Rosary**  
5:30 pm • Church

**Knights of Columbus Mtg**  
7:00 pm • Knights Mtg Room

**Thursday, September 4**

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

## This Coming Week

**Friday, September 5**

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm • Church

**Saturday, September 6**

**Rosary at the Flagpole**  
8:00 am • School

**First Saturday Mass**  
8:30 am • Church

**Sunday, September 7**

**Doughnut Sunday**  
After Mass • Parish Center

**Youth Group**  
6:00 pm • Whitener's House



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**  
**St. Joseph Parish Center**

**8:30 am - 12 noon**  
St. Joseph Farmington  
10 N Long Ave St,  
Farmington, MO 63640

Please register via email or  
this QR code:



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)

Cuffenberg's



**HELP the HUNGRY**

**Bar-B-Que**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**  
**11 AM - 2 PM**

**PICK UP AVAILABLE !**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

Memorial United Methodist Church,  
425 North St. • Farmington, MO

## Parish Council Nominees

### Karen Jones

I've lived here in Farmington since 1969 and have been at St. Joseph since my kids started school here, and my main reason for becoming Catholic. I wanted to be able to live and teach my kids the faith. I'm not sure how much I can contribute to Parish Council, but each parishioner has new ideas. Maybe I'm older and wiser, but I do love my church and my faith. I'm in the choir, I've been on the picnic committee before, and I know the people of our parish. I'm a hard worker and a firm believer.

### Jennifer Rhodus

My husband Joe and I joined St. Joseph Farmington parish in 2014, coming from Immaculate Conception parish in Park Hills, where we managed the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry there for 10 years. I became President of the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry here at St. Joseph parish for 5 years from 2017-2021. I stepped away from that ministry because of health reasons (breast cancer). I was also on the Pastoral Council here at St. Joseph's under both Fr. Rickey and Fr. Thess. I was approached by a parishioner asking if I would consider running again for the council. God speaks to each of us if we are listening! I am interested in and ready to get more involved in our parish once again. Thank you for your consideration. God bless you!

### Kay Schmid

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Parish Council. My family and I relocated to Farmington earlier this year, and I am eager to become more deeply involved in our parish community. In my previous parish in St. Petersburg, Florida, I was actively engaged in several ministries. I founded and led a Family Ministry that provided support to struggling families and children, including those in foster care. I also served weekly as a sacristan and eucharistic minister, participated in the women's group, and took part in a diocesan retreat focused on enhancing parish outreach and community engagement. I would be honored to bring this experience and commitment to service to the Parish Council as a way to support and strengthen our faith community. God bless,

**Please use voting cards  
in the pews this weekend  
and place them in the  
poor boxes.**

## Are You Curious About the Catholic Faith?

### You're Invited to Join Our OCIA Program!

Have you ever felt drawn to the Catholic Church? Are you unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or simply want to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and Confirmation)?

**The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is the journey through which adults are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. It's a time of prayer, learning, reflection, and growing in faith with a supportive community.

### OCIA is for:

- Those who have never been baptized
- Those baptized in another Christian faith who want to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholics who haven't yet received First Communion or Confirmation

**Come and see. Ask your questions. Take the next step in your spiritual journey.**

Our OCIA program will begin September 10, meeting weekly on Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. To sign up or ask questions, contact Connie Grindel at 573-756-4250, or stop by the parish office. We would love to welcome you into the journey.

***We are in need of a few Male sponsors  
for OCIA this year, if you are interested  
please contact the parish office.***

## Respect Life Meeting

We will have a Respect Life  
Meeting Tuesday, September  
9 at 6:30 pm in the Parish  
Center.

All are welcome to join us.



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## HORNET NATION



573-756-6312

[www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://www.stjosephfarmington.com)



Fr. Gerson met with seventh grade students. He visits our school Tuesday through Friday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Protecting God's Children Program**  
September 4 at 6:00 pm in the gym
- **Open House**  
September 8 at 5:30 pm
- **School Mass**  
Fridays at 8:00 am



Our mascot, Jo-Jo visited with the students during the Meet and Greet.

Fourth graders enjoyed first day of school activities.



### A Note From Dr. Boyd, Principal

No School on Monday - Labor Day.

We are now a couple of weeks into the school year, and they were jammed packed with learning and fun. We know you have choices, thank you for choosing St. Joseph Catholic.

It is not too late to get registered. If you know anyone interested in our school ask them to contact the school office. We can arrange full day or half day shadow days. Tours available anytime.  
573-756-6312

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

GO HORNETS!!!

Dr. John Boyd



**Birthdays**



**Anniversaries**



**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary** 

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

