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# St. Joseph & St. Catherine Parishes



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10 N Long Street, Farmington, MO 63640

## 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.



October 26, 2025

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted” - Luke 18:13a, 13c-14

### Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday. - 8:00 am

Saturday - 5:00 pm

St. Catherine - 7:00 pm

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

First Saturday - 8:30 am

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday • 8:00 - 3:30 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm

Sundays 7:00-7:15 am

No Need for an Appointment During  
Father's Office Hours

573-756-4250 [www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://www.stjosephfarmington.com)

What kind of parish do you hope we will become in the next five years—and how do you see yourself being part of that journey?

Your Gifts to God and Parish

**October 19, 2025**

Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$8,637.00
All Saints Day	\$95.00
Electronic Deposit	\$1,935.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Christmas Offering	\$10.00
Loose	\$1,185.60
	<b>\$11,872.60</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$11,872.60	\$189,429.19
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,950.00</u>	<u>\$207,200.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	<b>(\$1,077.40)</b>	<b>(\$17,770.81)</b>

Specials

All Souls	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Help the Hungry Bakesale	\$100.00
Human Development	\$10.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$100.00
Mission Sunday	\$728.00
Partners in Education	\$51.07
Permanent Diaconate	\$125.00
Retired Religious	\$25.00
Seminaries	<u>\$25.00</u>
<b>Total for Specials</b>	<b>\$1,204.07</b>

**St. Catherine of Alexandria**

**October 18, 2025**

Adult Collection	\$200.00
Loose	\$99.00
World Mission	<u>\$15.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$314.00</b>

## Mass Times & Information

SAT 5:00 PM  
7:00 PM

SUN 7:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:30 AM

MON-FRI  
8:00 AM

FIRST SATURDAY  
8:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS  
MON-FRI  
8:30AM-3:30 PM

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### Fr. Gerson's Schedule

Office Hours  
Tues- Thur.:  
10 am - 2 pm

Friday:  
10 am - 12 pm

10/28/25  
6:00 pm  
Interfaith Dinner

10/29/25  
11:00 am  
Augustine Institute

6:30 pm  
OCIA

11/1/25  
8:00 am  
Confession at FCC

6:00 pm  
Dinner Auction

## A Note from Fr. Gerson



Dear Friends in Christ,

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear of two people who go to the temple to pray, each approaching God in their own way. It's a powerful reminder of the importance of honest, humble prayer in our daily lives.

I'd like to share with you one of my favorite models of prayer, inspired by St. Ignatius of Loyola. It's called the Ignatian Pause, a simple yet meaningful way to become more aware of God's presence through brief moments of reflection and gratitude. This five-step exercise, which can take as little as ten minutes, is a school of discernment, a concrete way to see God in all things—even in chaos, in pain, in routine. Today, more than ever, we need to recover this art of living with an awakened soul.

A PRACTICAL IGNATIAN GUIDE: FIVE STEPS TO TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

### 1. Give Thanks

Why start with gratitude? Because everything is grace. *Thanksgiving shifts the center of the world away from us and returns it to God.*

How to do it: *Close your eyes and review your day. What moments, gestures, words, or people were a gift from God? No matter how small they may seem. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

Pastoral Application: Gratitude purifies the soul from resentment and complaint. It is a spiritual vaccine against despair.

### 2. Ask for Light

Before examining yourself, invoke the Holy Spirit. This is

not about seeing yourself through your own eyes, but through God's eyes. The examen is not meant to accuse you, but to enlighten you.

How to do it: With a brief prayer: *"Lord, show me what You see. Help me look with Your Tenderness." "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." (1 Corinthians 2:10)*

Pastoral Application: This humble plea prevents both scrupulosity and superficiality. It places us before God as children, not as judges.

### 3. Review the Day

This is the heart of the exercise. It's not just reviewing the hours as if looking at an agenda. *It means pausing at the heart of your actions.*

How to do it: *Ask yourself: In what moments was I faithful to the Gospel? When did I love, listen, forgive, give of myself? When was I selfish, indifferent, or prideful? What thoughts dominated my mind? Which "spirit" did I follow today: God's or the world's?*

Pastoral Application: This step is pedagogical: it helps to recognize patterns, dominant emotions, recurring temptations. It's the best training for discernment.

### 4. Ask for Forgiveness

Not from neurotic guilt, but from contrite love. The daily examen leads you to recognize your sin and to experience mercy.

How to do it: Name to God what disappointed you about yourself today. Ask His forgiveness with simplicity. If you fell, say: *"Lord, lift me up." "A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51:17)*

Pastoral Application: This act prepares the heart for sacramental Confession. It teaches humility and frees you from spiritual perfectionism.

### 5. Make a Resolution

Looking is not enough. True love translates into purpose. This final step is an offering: *"Lord, tomorrow I want to live like this..."*

How to do it: *Choose a concrete gesture for improvement: a virtue to practice, a temptation to resist, an attitude to cultivate.*

### Welcome the Consecrates of the Most Holy Savior – The Blue Sisters

Next weekend, November 1st and 2nd, we are blessed to welcome the Blue Sisters, a contemplative order of Catholic Sisters founded by Fr. Pablo Straub in Acapulco, Mexico. Please join us in offering them a warm and prayerful welcome as they visit our parish and share their beautiful witness of faith and devotion.

### HOLA! - Spanish at Our School - HOLA!

I am excited to announce that this semester, Spanish classes will be offered to our upper-grade students! This opportunity, made possible in part by a generous donor, helps broaden our students' hearts and minds through language and culture. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place of excellence and growth. I personally feel proud of our school.

### Dinner Auction – You're Invited!

Mark your calendars! Our Dinner Auction is coming next Saturday, a joyful evening to support the mission and future of our school. Your participation and generosity help us continue to grow in faith, learning, and community.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that a letter will be arriving this week inviting your support for an important need in our parish: upgrading and maintaining our air conditioning and heating systems.

Thank you so much for your prayers, your generous support, and the many ways you help bring life to our parish. Great things are happening, and it's all possible because of you.

Fr. Gerson Parra  
Parochial Administrator

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## HORNET NATION



October 25/26, 2025

573-756-6312

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### SJ Faculty/Staff Spotlight



**Dr. John Boyd,  
Principal**

Dr. Boyd has led St. Joseph Catholic School for 2 ½ years, and has worked in education for 39 ½ years. He has been married to his wife, Suzan for 43 years. He has two children, John Jr. and Jenna and three grandchildren: JB III, Emery, and Frankie.

Dr. Boyd met St. Pope John Paul II when he visited St. Louis in 1999. "It still gives me goosebumps to have kissed the fisherman's ring!"



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saints Activity**  
October 31 at 9:30 am in the Parish Center
- **Halloween Parties**  
October 31
- **All Saints Soiree Dinner Auction**  
November 1 after 5 pm mass
- **School Mass**  
Fridays at 8:00 am

### A Note From Dr. Boyd, Principal

.Congrats to our girls volleyball teams on a great season!  
Thank you to our parents for the delicious snacks for Parent/Teacher Conferences!

October 31 is an early dismissal day - 11:30 am. Come see our "Saints" on October 31 in the Parish Center at 9:30 am.

Join us for our Veterans' Day assembly November 11 at 9:00 am.

### The Week in Pictures



K - 8<sup>th</sup> graders gathered to pray the World Mission Rosary and pray for spiritual needs of missionaries around the world. Each color represents an area of the world: green/Africa, blue/Islands of the Pacific, white/Europe, red/Americas, and yellow/Asia.



Second graders lighting candles after mass praying for special people in our lives.

First grader learns about phases of the moon.



Congratulations to our B Team Lady Hornets for winning the CAC Volleyball tournament.

# Scholarships

## Family & Student Information

2026-2027 School Year



# MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

Empowered by



TODAY & TOMORROW  
CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME

## Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Program

### About MOScholars:

The Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program known as MOScholars, provides financial support to qualifying families to offset educational expenses including tuition.

Families Must PreQualify to Apply

[ttf-stl.org/MOScholars](http://ttf-stl.org/MOScholars)  
OR  
Scan the QR Code



### Contact the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation:



Jeanette Katic  
Program Director  
314-792-7043  
[mottef@archstl.org](mailto:mottef@archstl.org)

## Application Period Opens Fall 2025

### Benefits

- A **\$6,375 annual scholarship** for eligible K-12 students
- **Renewable** through high school
- Access to exceptional private education and approved educational resources

### Who is Eligible?

All of Missouri residents are eligible.



#### IEP/ISP

- Private School
- Not intended for students remaining in public schools

#### Not to exceed 300% free and reduced lunch

AND

1. Must have attended a public or charter public school for one semester during the previous 12 months
2. Or entering Kindergarten or 1st grade.
3. Or a sibling of a qualified student who received a scholarship in the previous year and will again in the upcoming school year.



# ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

OCTOBER EDITION

ST. JOSEPH PARISH - FARMINGTON



## GREAT NIGHT OF PUMPKIN CARVING



## DID YOU MISS MISSION TRIP MEETING?



STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO GRAB YOUR FUNDRAISING PACKET AND TRIP INFO.

DEPOSIT IS PAST DUE!

**St. Joseph Youth Mission**  
Fundraiser Reference Guide

**Cost Breakdown**

- Catholic Mission Trip - \$800 (per person)
  - travel supplies
  - housing
  - food
- Transportation - \$200 (per person)
  - van rental (\$100)
  - gas
- Meals/Drinks - \$100 (per person)
  - hotel/dinner (during week)
  - beverages (during and home)

**Down Payment of \$250 Due NOW!**

**The Why**

By valuing this personalized approach to fundraising, we create meaningful connections with our donors while reducing costs for anyone involved. Moreover, this approach leaves credit for those attending with fundraising efforts. By emphasizing community involvement and creative fundraising initiatives, we minimize the financial burden on our volunteers and supporters.

**Mission Letters**

In this packet you will find the donation letter. You will send letters to family and friends asking them to support your mission trip. All money collected will be accounted for under your name.

- Add recipient's name
- Use envelopes from Parish Office with return address on it
- Staff envelopes and return to Lisa Carter to be mailed

**Clicker Fix, Talk Fix**

\$100 taken off for all who work the Clicker Fix. The remaining amount of profit will be split among all missionaries attending the mission trip to help reduce the cost for all.

Every Click Fix you contribute to work at will help reduce the total cost of Mission Trip.

**Donations**

Any donations that are beyond the required amount for each individual will be put in a "pool" to be distributed among all missionaries going on mission to help cover the cost for those not meeting their \$250 goal. Any amount over this will be the responsibility of the individual.

## UPCOMING DATES

- NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - MEETING
- NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - MEETING
- NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - BAKE NIGHT
- NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - CASA TREE DECORATING
- NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - ADVENT BY CANDELIGHT

Open Trip

St. Joseph Youth Ministry

# Called to Serve

**\$800/Person**  
FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MISSIONARY

- Faith Formation
- Sacramental
- Relational
- Service Oriented

**North Carolina - June 21-27, 2026**  
Fundraising Meeting - August 28th - Whitener Home

**\$150 Down Payment - Due September 21st**

Mandy (573) 747-7625 | mwhitener@stjosephfarmingtonprc.com

# MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT JAKE AND MANDY WHITENERS HOME. STARTING AT 6:00PM. ALL 8TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME. TO SIGN UP FOR INFO TEXT THE INFO BELOW

**TEXT - @STJYOUTH21 TO 81010**

# Sacramental Life

## Catholic Teaching on Funerals

"In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life."  
(Order of Christian Funerals)

A Catholic funeral is a sacred liturgy that expresses our faith in the resurrection of the body and the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. It is both a moment of grieving and a celebration of Christian hope.

Here are key elements of Catholic teaching on funerals:

### 1. The Purpose of a Catholic Funeral

Catholic funerals have three main purposes:

- To pray for the soul of the deceased—asking God's mercy and entrusting the person to His loving care.
- To offer comfort and hope to those who mourn, grounded in the promise of the Resurrection.
- To witness to our faith—affirming that death is not the end, but a passage to eternal life.

### 2. The Structure of the Funeral Rites

The Church's funeral rites typically unfold in three parts:

- The Vigil (Wake): A time for prayer, remembrance, and support, usually the evening before the funeral.
- The Funeral Mass: The central liturgy where we celebrate the Eucharist and commend the deceased to God.
- The Rite of Committal (Burial or Interment): Prayers at the place of final rest, entrusting the body to the earth until the resurrection.

### 3. The Importance of Celebrating the Funeral Mass at Church

The Funeral Mass, also called the Mass of Christian Burial, is the most important and complete form of Catholic funeral prayer. Celebrating the funeral in the church—the sacred space where the deceased may have been baptized, confirmed, and nourished by the Eucharist—brings the person's life full circle in the context of the Paschal Mystery: the death and resurrection of Christ.

At the Funeral Mass:

- We offer the sacrifice of the Mass, the highest prayer of the Church, on behalf of the deceased.
- We unite our grief with Christ's suffering and resurrection.
- We are reminded of the hope of eternal life for all who die in Christ.

Having the funeral at church reminds us that we are part of the Body of Christ, even in death, and it places our loss within the broader promise of redemption.

### 4. The Importance of the Body

Catholics honor the human body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, created by God and destined for resurrection. While cremation is permitted, the Church prefers the presence of the body at the Funeral Mass. If cremation is chosen, the Church asks that ashes be buried or interred in a sacred place, not scattered or kept at home.

### 5. Prayers for the Dead

Catholics believe in the Communion of Saints—that the Church is made up of the faithful on earth, the souls in heaven, and those undergoing purification in purgatory.

Because of this belief, we pray for the dead, asking God to forgive their sins and bring them into the fullness of His presence. We trust in God's mercy and in the power of prayer to aid those who have died.

One of the most profound ways we do this is by offering Mass intentions for the deceased. When a Mass is offered for someone who has died, the whole Church prays for that person in the context of the Eucharist—the highest and most powerful prayer we can offer. It is an act of love and hope that connects us with our loved ones and with Christ's saving sacrifice.

### 6. A Ministry of Hope

Catholic funerals are not only for the deceased, but for the living. They offer a space for healing, community, and renewed faith. The Church accompanies the grieving with compassion and the message that "life is changed, not ended."

If you or a loved one are in need of support during a time of loss, or if you have questions about planning a Catholic funeral, please reach out to the parish office 573.756.4250. We are here to walk with you in faith, prayer, and hope.

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For questions about any sacraments or to schedule an appointment: **Email:** [sacraments@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:sacraments@stjosephfarmington.com)  
**Call:** 573-756-4250 (ext. 300 during office hours, ext. 317 after office hours and weekends)

## Pastoral Ministry

You are cordially invited to the

# All Saints Soirée

Dinner Auction benefiting St. Joseph Catholic School

Saturday, November 1 • Doors open after 5:00 mass

*Investing in Faith, Forming Future Saints*

### WANT TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL?

#### • BE A SPONSOR!

Our sponsors are recognized before, during, and after the event!  
Contact Lisa Cartee in the Parish Office for more info!

#### • DONATE ITEMS!

Item ideas: Gift Cards, Purses, Coolers, Sports or Event Tickets.

#### • JOIN US AT THE AUCTION!

Invite neighbors, friends, and family members to come!

Purchase your tickets in the Parish Office or online at:

<https://events.readysetauction.com/stjosephcatholicschool2/allsaintssoiree/>

**GET YOUR  
\$5,000 GOLDEN  
TICKET TODAY!**

Winner goes home with \$5,000  
– NO GIVE BACKS!

Tickets: \$100/each • Only 100 tickets sold!

Golden Tickets may be purchased  
online or at the Parish Office.  
You do NOT need to be present  
at the Auction to win.



### SVDP is preparing for the holiday seasons.

November and December are busy months since we do extra things for our clients. November we are giving away children's coats; thanks to the Knights of Columbus. We give them away as long as we have coats. If you have gently used coats of any size and are no longer in need of them; please consider donating them to us. We also give a whole holiday chicken to families of 2-4 and a small turkey to families of 4 or more. Along with stuffing and gravy mix to help with Thanksgiving dinner.

Then comes Christmas. Thanks to the giving tree we give out a small gift for each client. A ham for their Christmas dinner. For the children off from school during the season we are planning on giving each family pancake mix and syrup. Our school children are helping by having a drive for the pancake mix and syrup.

I'm very concerned this year because our number of clients have increased so much. We will be in need of more gifts. Please think about giving an extra gift of love to a stranger. The Knights of Columbus have been kind enough to let us set up an area in their space in the Lober building for Mrs. Claus to display Christmas gifts.

We would like to invite you to come and visit Mrs. Claus and help meet and greet the clients. Please call or email us what Tuesday or Friday you would like to come. So, we can have more than Mrs. Claus to help with the selection of gifts. They will have a ticket for each member of the family. That way they will get just for their family.

The volunteers and I thank you for all the help you give us every day. I want to remind you that one small act of kindness can make a big difference in so many lives. One act of love can help bring hope to those who feel hopeless.

### 2025 Giving tree thank you

Giving tree has been a long tradition at St. Joseph Pat Boatright started the giving tree in 2005. Each year she put the tree up and took care of getting the ornaments and labeling them. Her actions put so many smiles of the faces of kids and adults that couldn't afford a special gift at Christmas. She is truly a special Christmas angel! We thank you for 20 years of dedication to our pantry, because without her our clients wouldn't have had a special gift. One client told me it was the first Christmas present she had gotten in years. It is truly the little things we do in life that mean so much. Thank you so very much, Pat.

### Women of Mary giving tree

November 1, 2025 starts the giving tree. This year the need for Christmas gifts is greater than last year. The number of clients at the pantry is increasing each month. To give you an example of the different age groups served in September alone: 5 years old and below 74 clients; between 6-18 years old 213 clients; between 19-54 years 340; between 55-64 years old 128; 65 and older 106 clients. Total for September was 861 clients which means we would need 861 gifts. The numbers keep going up each month so we are unsure of the exact number of gifts we will need in December.

We would appreciate anything you want to donate for gifts. The price range between \$10-20 dollars. Go shopping or get a gift card to a local restaurant or hardware store. If you choose to give a gift card, we would request that you put them in a labeled envelope and drop them in the collection basket. That will reduce the temptation of someone picking them up from under the tree. Unwrapped gifts should be placed under the giving tree in the parish center. There is always a need for socks, underwear, gloves, PJ's, slippers, if you want to give clothes. There will be other suggestions on each ornament, as in years past. The clients will start receiving gifts December 2 thru the 30th. We will not be open Friday, December 26 but will still give gifts the 30th.

St. Ignatius of Loyola....

## SPIRITUAL ROOTS: THE EXAMEN IN THE IGNATIAN TRADITION\*

*What is the Ignatian Examen?* In his work *Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius proposes the general examination of conscience not merely as a review of sins, but as a privileged moment of dialogue with God. It is not a cold judgment, but a *loving conversation between the Creator and His creature*. Saint Ignatius asked his religious to do this examen twice a day. For him, it was a nonnegotiable tool for keeping the heart centered on God. "In everything, to love and serve." — Saint Ignatius of Loyola

*Biblical Foundation:* The idea of examining one's life in the light of God is not originally Ignatian, but profoundly biblical. Saint Paul exhorts: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves." (2 Corinthians 13:5) And Psalm 139 cries out: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts." (Psalm 139:23)

This type of examen is not narcissistic introspection, but embodied prayer: letting God look at our day with us and teach us to see as He sees.

## THEOLOGICAL RELEVANCE: DISCERNING TO LOVE BETTER

*An Act of Faith and Humility:* To examine your life daily is an act of faith: *recognizing that God is present in your concrete story*. It is also an act of humility: admitting that we need daily conversion. In spiritual theology, the daily examen is considered a practice of constant discernment. *It helps us identify the movements of the soul:* What thoughts, emotions, or decisions brought me closer to God today? Which ones led me away from Him?

*Holiness in the Ordinary:* The Second Vatican Council emphasized the universal call to holiness. But holiness is not achieved through grand gestures, but through daily choices. The examen makes us aware of the small things, and it is there that God sanctifies us.

## HOW TO INTEGRATE THE IGNATIAN PAUSE INTO MODERN LIFE

You don't need a retreat in the countryside or a silent chapel. Just a quiet place and a willing heart.

Here are some concrete suggestions:

*Choose a fixed time of day:* ideally before bedtime.

*Keep a spiritual journal:* write down lights and resolutions.

*Do it in community or as a couple:* sharing the examen can be very edifying.

*Combine it with night prayer:* add Psalm 4 or the Magnificat.

*Don't worry if you miss a day:* return peacefully the next day.

If you take ten minutes each night to look at your life with God, you will see your heart become freer, your conscience clearer, and your faith more alive. This is not about controlling everything, but about *letting God teach you to live with eyes wide open*. Try it tonight. Give your soul that moment. And tomorrow will be different. Where to start? Today.. Turn off your phone, close your eyes, and say: "Lord, I want to see my day with You..."

\*<https://catholicus.eu/en/the-ignatian-pause-how-to-examine-your-life-daily-and-grow-in-holiness/>

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## Update Membership Information

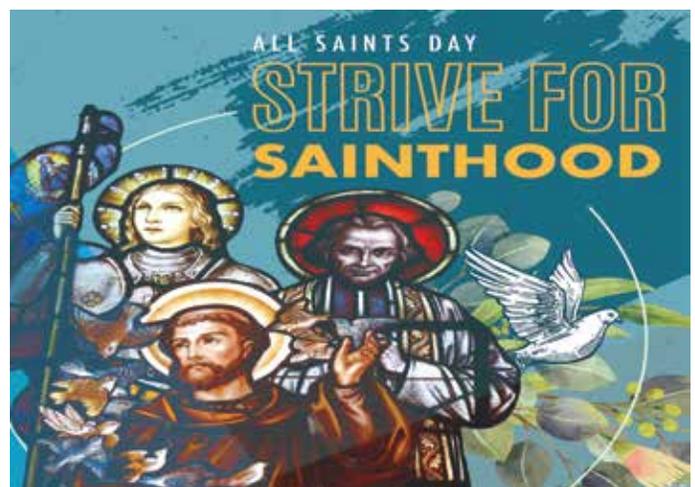
Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Call the parish office 756-4250



# Around the Archdiocese

## **Mary's Call - Nightly Rosary**

Dial 727-731-5659 - Join at 6:30 pm, [shrinetoourladyoftherosary.com](http://shrinetoourladyoftherosary.com)

## **October - Respect Life Month**

The witness of our Blessed Mother (in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,) invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. Read more at [resepctlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection](http://resepctlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection).

## **All Souls Candlelight Vigil on November 2**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, Missouri. You and your loved ones are invited to join Vincentian Father Clayton Kilburn as he leads a Candlelight Vigil from the Shrine Church to the historic grotto to remember your deceased loved ones in prayer. The vigil begins at 6:00 p.m., CT. For more information, call Frank Ryan at 573-768-7013 or visit the Association of the Miraculous Medal website, [www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org).

## **St. Lawrence - Rock & Roll Bingo**

Sunday, November 9, 2025. The Artisan at Baetje Farms, 8932 Jackson School Rd., Bloomsdale, MO. Doors open at 1 pm and bingo begins at 2 pm. Admission includes one set of Bingo cards (additional sets available for purchase). Charcuterie Board Appetizers and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages. Cash bar available. \$30 per person or \$200 for a table of 8 in advance. For advance tickets or table reservations call Annette at 573-483-9131.

## **St. Joseph (Zell) Ladies Quilt Social & Luncheon**

Sunday, October 26. Doors open at 11 a.m. Bingo starts at 1:30 p.m. Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Chicken Bouillon, Cake, Pie and Drinks will be for sale. Baked Goods will be for sale.

## **Monarch Family Resource Center**

(previously Parkland PRC) is looking to hire someone part time for a marketing and fundraising position. This position will work from our Farmington office. We need someone who can answer phone calls and has a comfortable knowledge working with office software and email. Experience coordinating events and the ability to speak about our organization publicly is valuable too. Please pass this information along to those who might be a good fit and have them call and ask for Peter Schrock. 573-431-6001

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows** – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center From November 21 through December 31, 2025, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

The Way of Lights Display, using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. With new and beautiful colored lights, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for all to enjoy!

Cost: No charge for display; donations accepted; additional charges for some activities.

For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/wayoflights>

## **Project Joseph Ministry For men impacted by abortion**

Join our Abortion Healing Ministry Men's Team for a prayerful morning of hope. Men's Morning of Reflection - Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 9am – noon. Location: Catholic Renewal Center 6120 Pebble Hill Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123. Register or find out more by connecting with our Abortion Healing Ministry Team. Email [hopehealing@arch-stl.org](mailto:hopehealing@arch-stl.org) or call/text Cindy at 314.778.0628

## **Quilt Bingo**

Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish on Sunday, October 26, 2025. At St. John the Baptist gymnasium, 4200 Delor St. Doors open at 11 and bingo starts at 1. 20 games with a quilt prize. \$25 for 9 cards for all 20 games. For more information call Mary at 314-930-9279.



## **Thanks to all that attended the Walk this weekend!**

Your presence speaks volumes to those who witnessed you walking or biking or running for life!

If you have forgotten to bring your baby bottle back, please know that we are still accepting donations and you can put it on the table by the poor box in the rear of church. We would like all of the bottles back, whether you were able to donate or not because Monarch Family Resource Center recycles them to other churches.

Thank you again for being a part of a local Christian ministry that provides pregnancy test, ultrasounds, maternity and baby items, parenting classes, and many more services. ALL OF THESE SERVICES ARE FREE!

For questions or more information, please call Dotty Bach (573-760-3271) or Pat Boatright (573-701-4926))

## **Morning of Hope and Healing**

Saturday, November 8, 2025. 9 am Mass - 10 am Healing Program. Please join us as we remember our loved ones lost to suicide with a Mass of Remembrance. Following the Mass, there will be opportunities to process our grief individually and as a group. Our Lady Catholic Church, Festus.

## **Community of Transcendent Men**

Join us for our monthly event! The Path to True Masculinity with Father Jacob Wessel, Associate Pastor at Ste. Genevieve Church. Tuesday, October 28, 2025. 6 pm at the Corpus Christi Center, St. Joseph Imperial, MO.

## **Aquinas Institute of Theology to Celebrate 31st Annual Great Preacher Award**

In celebration of its Centennial, Aquinas Institute of Theology will host the 31st Annual Great Preacher Award on Wednesday, November 13, at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac. This year's event will honor the beauty of visual art and the power of the written word. Honorees are renowned local liturgical design studio and creator of some of St. Louis' most well-known stained glass and mosaics, Emil Frei & Associates, and Fr. Paul Murray, OP, a prolific Dominican poet and respected author on Christian mysticism. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. and includes dinner and the presentation of the awards.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



Welcome our new parishioners,  
**David Hartley and Marcela Gonzalez and their children Alexandria, Angelique, Ashley, David and Andromeda.**

Please pray for those who are carrying the gift of life. Especially **Valeria (Mason) Harrington and Ali (Garry) Redmond**. Please call the parish office if you would like to be added to our prayer list.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Rob Ellis brother of parishioner Jay Ellis**.

## Prayer Requests

Kenneth Fingerhut, George Bechtoldt, Adonis Paroski, Dean Fortman, **Diane Greer**, Dana Miller, Ange Amonette, Barbara Neubauer, Lloyd Davis, Laura West, **Michelle Evans**, Ken Lutsch, **Ducky Bordewick**, **Joel Hommelson**, Kim Payne, Steve Fowler, Norm Crocker, **Madgie Winch**, Loretta Lampen, **Richard Antil**, **Kay Pratte**, **Jo Wolo**, Mark Goodwin, Laura Goodwin, **Tom Donze**, Linda Dickey, Pat Williams, Marian Voss, Brenda Hamby, Steve Scanlon, **Phil Roth**, **Sandy Roth**, John Fox, **Jenny Davault**, **Steven Paroski**, Liz Presnell Klutsarits, **Jim Hughes**, Andrea Rowe, Daniel Wood, **Lisa Calanquin**, **Helen Thurman**, Reed Fuemmeler, Wayne Mann, Brenda Bennett, Ray Hull, **Marilyn Currington**, Sue Psujek, **Walt Douglas**, Andrea Slaner, **Amy Bordewick**, **Leslie Hughes**, **Jim Wilson**, Sue Bays.

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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Erin Beck Daniel Cox		Flordeliza Arellano		
Audrey Crawford Jr. Mary Dugan	Oct	Ella Koppeis	Oct. 26, 2002	Curt & Lynette Heberlie
Samantha Figueroa	<b>29</b>	Hampton Orta		
Corey Hulse		Henry Swinarski	Oct. 26, 2002	Chris & Rebecca Fingerhut
Ryker Jones		Jo Anne Wolo		
Hudson Koppeis	Oct	Isaiah Campbell	Oct. 26, 1974	Mike & Susan Sweeney
Jake Pfaff	<b>30</b>	Debbie Dalton		
Dolores Schmidt		Wendi Williams	Oct. 27, 2011	Russ & Marcia Randoll
Jacob Stewart		Christine Ballard	Oct. 28, 2000	Chris & Katie Tucker
Louie Bley	Oct	Lorelai Moser		
Gracie Redmond	<b>31</b>	Trinity Schrum		
Samantha Wade		Rose Wiseman		
Kevin Boatright	Nov			
Janice Harrison	<b>1</b>	Robert Hogenmiller		
Reid Herbst				
Walter Kimrey				

# October

<p>Sunday 26</p> <p>Our Father's Table 4-6 pm Youth Group 6 pm</p>	<p>Monday 27</p>	<p>Tuesday 28</p> <p>Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 6pm</p>	<p>Wednesday 29</p> <p>Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Thursday 30</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Friday 31</p> <p>Saints Activity 9:30 am Early Dismissal</p>	<p>Saturday 1</p> <p>Rosary at the Flag Pole 8 am First Saturday Mass 8:30 am <b>Dinner Auction 6 pm</b></p>
<p>2</p> <p>Doughnut Sunday Hosted by PSR Teachers Youth Group 6 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Mass Intentions Book Opens</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Prayer Shawl 9 am Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 6pm Parish Coordinator Pastoral Ministry Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Anointing Mass 10am Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm KOC Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 2:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>KOC Breakfast after 7:30 &amp; 9 am Masses</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Assembly 9am Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 6pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Grief Ministry 7 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Prayer Shawl 9 am Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 6pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Women of Mary Mtg 1 pm Rosary 5:30 pm No PSR OCIA 6:30 pm Knights COR Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Youth Group Bake Night</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>

# November

**Saturday 25th**

**5:00 pm: †Frances Seabaugh**

**7:00 pm: †Edna Nanney**

Readings: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23  
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, 26th**

**7:30 am: Parishioners**

**9:00 am: †Dan Stott**

**10:30 am: †Ron LaPlant**

Readings: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23  
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

**Monday, 27th - Weekday**

**8:00 am: †Art Daniels**

Readings: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk  
13:10-17

**Tuesday, 28th - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

**8:00 am: † Eugene Smith**

Readings: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Wednesday, 29th - Weekday**

**8:00 am: † Judy Halter**

Readings: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday, 30th - Weekday**

**8:00 am: \*M.P.**

Readings: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk  
13:31-35

**Friday, 31st - Weekday**

**8:00 am: † Pat Wofford**

Readings: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk  
14:1-6

Anointing of the Sick Mass  
and Luncheon



St. Joseph Church  
Wednesday, November 5  
10:00 am  
with lunch following  
Please call  
the Parish Office to RSVP

**Sunday, Commemoration of All  
the Faithful Departed**

**Saturday, November 1**

**5:00 pm Mass**

**Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington**

**Lector: Shawn McCarver**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Dotty Bach, Sandi Brooks,  
Mark Halter, Jill Patton

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

**Servers:** Jimmy Aholt, Tripp David, Dagny McCarver

**Cantor: Emily Bach**

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

**Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Cory & Jimmy Herzog

**Offertory Bearers:** Cartee Family

**Sunday, November 2**

**7:30 am Mass**

**Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington**

**Lector: Norene Leonard**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Charlie Dill, Marge Dill,  
Steve Forsythe, Kathy Neiner

**Ushers:** Brenda Donze, Tom Donze, Jim Gerwitz,  
Scott Watson

**Servers:** Nora Jannin, Clare Rariden, Wade Rariden

**9:00 am Mass**

**Deacon: Deacon Rich Dore**

**Lector: Dave Brickler**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Anne Crawford, Rob Grindel,  
Kevin Schmid, Nikki Sheets

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

**Servers:** Jackson Goodson, Basil Washam,  
Evelyn Washam

**Cantor: Tom Berkbigler**

**10:30 am Mass**

**Deacon: Deacon Rich Dore**

**Lector: Helen Thurman**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Shirley Bieser, Charles Boyd,  
Tim Maloney, Mandy Whitener

**Ushers:** John Bieser, Tim Maloney, Chad Speakar,  
Cory Wolff

**Servers:** Harrison Jaycox, Mia Martin, Westley Wilson  
**Cantor: Judy Davis**

**Monday, October 27, 2025**

**Sacristans**

Pat Boatright, Rita Boyd,  
Charlotte Vander Bol, Ann Lutsch

**Money Counters**

Jane Eck, Kathy Thompson,  
Anne Crawford,  
Shirley Bieser

# Spiritual Growth Life

## Weekly Rosary

Every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Each Thursday First Friday of the Month  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

## First Saturday Rosary

First Saturday Each Month @ 8:00 am in front of the school

## First Saturday Mass

First Saturday Each Month @ 8:30 am

**We have over  
1,200 followers.  
Are you one of them?**



We are in need of a Eucharistic Adorer for Thursdays from 1:30-2:30. To sign up please contact Charlie and Rita Boyd at 760-7887 • ctboyd@sbcglobal.net

We are in need of one male sponsor for OCIA. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone on their faith journey.



*Register in the Parish today!*

We are 619 families,  
united as disciples of Christ,  
transforming lives through His teachings.  
Will you be the next to join us?  
Register today at St. Joseph Parish  
and take your place  
in this life-changing journey!

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### Respect Life

Meet in September & March  
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### Women of Mary

3rd Wednesday of the month  
1:00 pm in Parish Center  
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6:30 in the Gym  
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