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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.



December 14, 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10

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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

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CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND EDITION

Revised in accordance with the official Latin text promulgated by Pope John Paul II

Includes revision of paragraph no. 2267 promulgated by Pope Francis



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What is the plan of God for man?

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the

Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness. CCC 1-25

Your Gifts to God and Parish

November 30, 2025

Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$7,749.00
Electronic Deposit	\$590.00
Loose	\$1,053.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Christmas Offering	\$100.00
	\$9,512.00

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$9,512.00	\$260,853.04
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,950.00</u>	<u>\$281,900.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$3,438.00)	(\$21,046.96)

Specials

Christmas Flowers	\$80.00
Evangelization	\$50.00
Human Development	\$100.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$46.00
Military Services	\$50.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$3.00
Retired Religious	\$125.00
School Donation	\$325.00
Seminaries	\$50.00
Thanksgiving (St. Vincent de Paul)	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,390.00

St. Catherine of Alexandria

November 28, 2025

Adult Collection	\$505.00
Loose	\$25.02
All Saints Day	<u>\$17.00</u>
Total	\$547.02

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

THURS
6:30 PM

FIRST SATURDAY
8:30 AM

**OFFICE HOURS
MON-FRI**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Fr. Gerson's
Schedule**

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

Friday:
10 am - 12 pm

12/14
5:30 pm
Coffman Party

12/16
9:00 am
School
Confessions
5:30 pm
Confessions
6:00 pm
PSR Confessions
6:30 pm
Mass

12/17
12:00 pm
Women of Mary
Mtg.
5:30 pm
Confessions
6:30 pm
Mass

12/18
5:30 pm
Confessions
6:30 pm
Mass

A Note from Fr. Gerson



Hola! Do you want to learn how to say Merry Christmas in Spanish? And yes, I do! The way to say it is: "Feliz Navidad." Pronunciation tip: Feliz → "feh-LEEZ" Navidad → "nah-vee-DAHD"

This past week the Church celebrated two luminous Marian feasts: December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Though they arise from different historical moments and highlight distinct aspects of Mary's mission, together they reveal one beautiful truth: Mary is God's chosen instrument for bringing Christ to the world and the world to Christ.

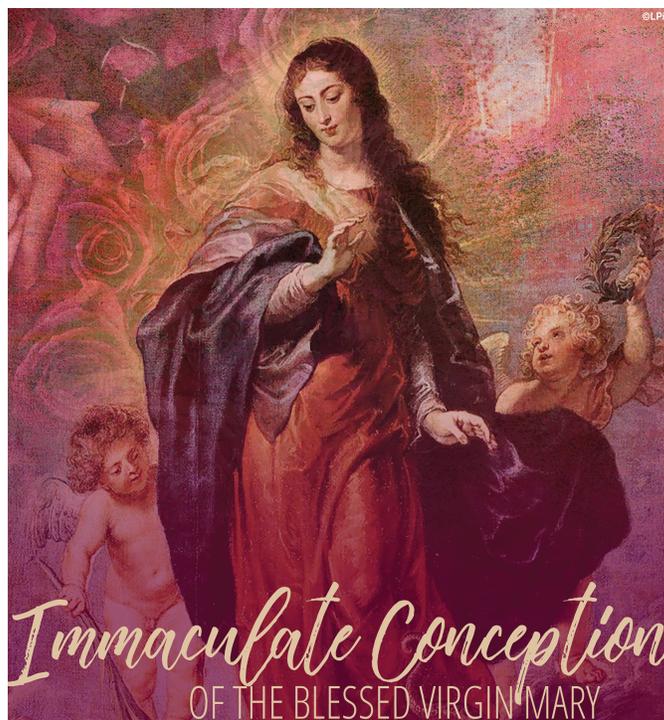
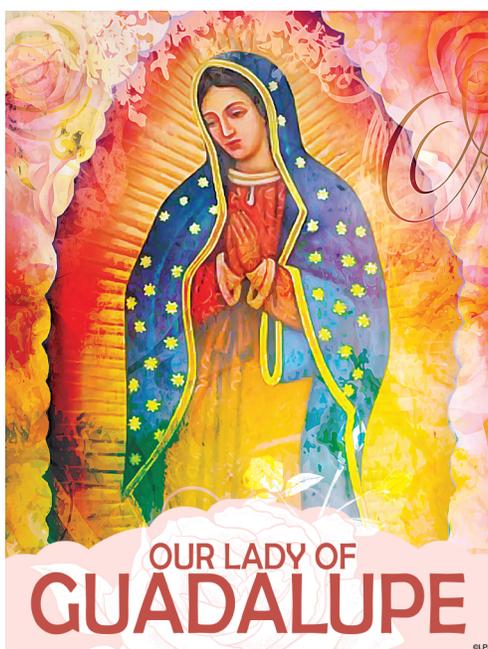
The Immaculate Conception: Mary Prepared by Grace
Defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Immaculate Conception teaches that Mary was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her existence. This privilege was given not by her own merit but through the saving power of Christ, applied to her in a unique and preemptive way. In celebrating this feast, the Church recognizes God's loving preparation for the coming of the Savior, Mary's role as the new Eve completely receptive to God's will, and the beauty of a soul filled with grace from the beginning. Her immaculate beginning lays the foundation for all that she would become Mother of God, Mother of the Church, and mother to every believer.

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mary Draws Her Children to Christ
In 1531, just twenty-four years after Christianity reached the Americas, Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a gentle and compassionate mother. Speaking in his own language and adopting the features of the local people, she brought a message of hope, unity, and divine tenderness. Through her miraculous image and consoling words, millions were led to the faith. The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds us that Mary enters into the history of peoples and cultures, meets her children where they are, and always leads them to Jesus.

Though separated by centuries, both celebrations unveil the same mystery of Mary's identity and mission. The Immaculate Conception shows Mary prepared by God's grace; Guadalupe shows Mary sent on mission by that same grace. Both highlight her motherhood first as the one chosen to bear the Savior, then as the mother who tenderly embraces the peoples of the Americas, asking, "Am I not here who am your mother?" Both feasts reveal God's deep desire to draw humanity to Christ, whether through Mary's purity at her conception or her maternal closeness at Tepeyac. And both celebrations shine with hope: the triumph of grace over sin and the triumph of truth over despair.

The Immaculate Conception reveals who Mary is in God's plan full of grace, pure, prepared. Our Lady of Guadalupe shows what Mary does she comes close, she consoles, she evangelizes, and she tenderly guides us to her Son. Together, these feasts invite us to trust more deeply in Mary's intercession and to rejoice in the love God pours upon His people through her.

Fr. Gerson Parra
Parochial Administrator



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HORNET NATION



December 14, 2025

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SJ Faculty/Staff Spotlight

**Ms. Stacey Schweitzer,
Third Grade**



Ms. Schweitzer started teaching swim lessons at the age of 15 and has taught grades 4 - 6, preschool, and PE. This is her eighth year serving St. Joseph Catholic School. She has five "amazing" children: four daughters and one son. She'll be adding a son-in-law next fall.

She enjoys reading, hiking, travel, and cooking (especially baking). Her cooking skills assist her in her ministry to Our Father's Table. She has served our community in this ministry for years.

Ms. Schweitzer's favorite Bible passage is Psalm 5:8: "Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Advent Recital**
December 18 at 6:00 pm Gym
- **Advent Parties**
11:30 am Dismissal
December 19
- **Christmas Break**
December 20-January 4
- **School Mass**
Fridays at 8:00 am

A Note From Dr. Boyd, Principal

All of us here at school want to express our sincerest thanks to all of our volunteers this semester. Thanks to those who help with all of our receptions, class parties, feed, read, coach and help to beautify our campus. Your time and talents do not go unnoticed.

Thank you from all of us here at St. Joseph Catholic School.

If you need help getting into the Christmas spirit, come join us on Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym for our Advent Concert.

GO HORNETS!

The Week in Pictures



Student Council organized a Thanksgiving food drive to share with families in our community.



Families gathered for food, fellowship, and to create Jesse Trees for Advent.



Second graders received their First Reconciliation. Congratulations!

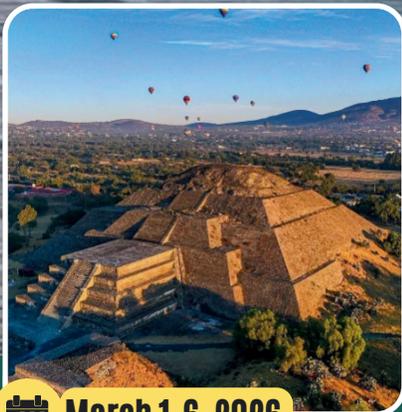


Thank you for supporting our school!

Mrs. Hale's Dinner Auction Package:
Christmas movie, jammies, and pizza.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE WITH FR. GERSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
MARIA HARO: 636-373-1108 OR
MARIASOCORROHARO@YAHOO.COM



 **March 1-6, 2026**

- BASILICA OF GUADALUPE AND TEPEYAC
- TEOTIHUACAN PYRAMIDS + RENEWAL WORKSHOP
- PUEBLA AND CHOLULA
- XOCHIMILCO · ZÓCALO · CATHEDRAL · PLAZA GARIBALDI

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CATHOLIC PARISH**

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE EAT, SHOP, PLAY IN THE PARKLAND APP AND **ADD ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH AS A FAVORITE**. WE WILL BE SENDING MESSAGES OUT THROUGH THIS APP ABOUT CLOSINGS, EVENTS, AND ANY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!



*Breakfast with Santa
All You Can Eat*

\$8 a person or \$25 per family of 4 or more
Sunday, December 14 after All Masses

**EGGS, SAUSAGE, PANCAKES, POTATOES, BISCUITS,
GRAVY, MILK, JUICE, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE,
AND A TOPPING BAR FOR THE PANCAKES.
THERE WILL BE A SPECIALITY ITEM TOO.**



Knights of
Columbus





UNITED WAY
Of St. Francois County

*BELL
RINGING*

SIGN UP TODAY!



St. Joseph Catholic Church in Farmington

Advent Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
throughout Advent

Confessions

5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Mass 6:30 pm

December 16, 17, 18,
& 23*

Deacon Mark will host
a Faith Formation Class
“The Holy Mass -

Explained to Catalina
by Jesus and Mary”

on Tuesday’s at 7:00 pm in the parish center.



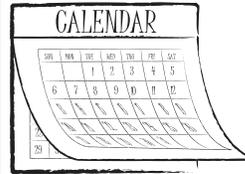
*Mass on December 23rd will be a Teaching Mass (to conclude Deacon Mark’s Faith Formation Class on “The Holy Mass”)

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2026 Religious Calendars



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

Available in the back of church.

Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia

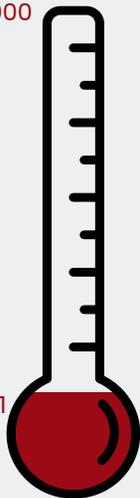
Memorials will be published in our Christmas Bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 21 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is Friday, December 12. Any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the December 28 bulletin. Funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round.

GOAL

Today, as disciples of Jesus looking toward the future, we are called once again to come together in faith and unity. Our parish is currently facing several important needs:

\$198,000



\$36,061.41

Our Church building is in need of a new air conditioning system and new air handlers.

Our School Gymnasium requires both air conditioning and heating systems.

Our Parish Center Hallway also needs air conditioning installed.

These improvements are vital to ensuring a comfortable and welcoming environment for all who come to worship, learn, and serve within our parish. As your Parochial Administrator, I invite you to do two things: first, please pray for the success of these projects. Second, ask Jesus how He may be calling you to support this mission.

Help us reach our goal by April 2026

St Andrew Christmas Novena



St. Andrew Christmas Novena, Explained!

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus "the Lamb of God." Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew's prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent.

The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."



Respect Life Committee would like to give a big THANK YOU to all that participated in the Baby Bottle Drive by collecting loose change, cash and checks for Monarch Family Resource Center's Walk/Run for Life. St. Joseph donated over \$6,100 toward helping those families struggling to provide for their children.

We would like all of the baby bottles back, whether you were able to donate or not, because the MFRC recycles the bottles to other churches. Please return them to the table by the poor box.

WAY TO GO ST. JOSEPH!!

The Christmas season is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In the spirit of giving, the Respect Life Committee is asking families to bring baby items to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and place them at the manger. These items will be distributed to Monarch Family Resource Center. They in turn will give the items to families in need. Items particularly requested are: clothes and sleepers (especially size 18-3T), scratch mittens, diapers and pullups size 4, 5, & 6, or any items parents would need to take care of their children. If you would like, the gifts may be wrapped. Thank you for your support!



St. Vincent de Paul applied for a 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Food Pantry Grant earlier this year. They were awarded a grant of \$3,800. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal each year!

Giving Tree

This year the need for Christmas gifts is greater than last year. The number of clients at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is increasing each month. We are estimating that we will need about 910 gifts. **As of today, we have received 680 gifts cards and gifts, THANK YOU!**

We would appreciate anything you want to donate for gifts, 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 or bring them into the parish office. Unwrapped gifts should be placed under the giving tree in the parish center. The clients start receiving gifts December 2 thru the 30th. We will not be open Friday, December 26th but will still give gifts out on the 30th.



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 should pray and ask the Lord to give us deeper faith, deeper love, and deeper trust in His Eucharistic Presence. This is an excellent prayer after

you receive Holy Communion.

Some of us remember 30 - 50 years ago when there was profound respect for the Eucharist. So much of that awe is gone, but open your own heart to have that tremendous belief, faith and trust. Close your eyes and picture the Lord now standing in front of you, holding the host as we do at Communion. He says, **"Take and eat. This is My body for your healing. Take and drink. This is My blood for your healing."**

Father DeGrandis says, "Ask Him to give you that healing of faith so that you believe so powerfully in the Eucharist you would be willing to die for Him."



ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

NOVEMBER EDITION

ST. JOSEPH PARISH - FARMINGTON



OUR YOUTH REALLY SHOWED UP THIS PAST MONTH WITH THEIR SERVICE TOWARD OTHERS. CHECK OUT THE COMPLETED TREE THAT BROUGHT IN OVER \$400 FOR CASA OF THE PARKLAND AND THEIR BEAUTIFUL GINGERBREAD CHURCH. NEXT UP IS VISITING THE NURSING HOME TO DELIVER ORNAMENTS.



YOUTH TABLE AT ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT




YOUTH RECEIVED JASON EVERT'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY BOOK. IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT YOURS YET, BE SURE TO GRAB ONE AT THE NEXT MEETING

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER 14TH - YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
 DECEMBER 22ND - NURSING HOME VISIT
 JANUARY 11TH - YOUTH GROUP
 JANUARY 25TH - YOUTH GROUP
 FEBRUARY 8TH - YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH WORK

DONUT SUNDAY

AFTER ALL MASSES
 DECEMBER 7TH

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 14TH @ 6:00
 BRING A \$15 GIFT
 BRING A DISH
 WEAR UGLY SWEATER

WE WILL EAT, GIFT EXCHANGE AND THEN MAKE ORNAMENTS FOR THE NURSING HOME



MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT JANE 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

Sacrament of Confession

You are lovingly invited to encounter God's mercy and peace through the beautiful **Sacrament of Confession**.

No matter how long it has been, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms—ready to forgive, to heal, and to renew your heart. His love is never withheld from a heart that seeks Him in humility and trust.

This sacred sacrament is rooted in Scripture, where Christ entrusted His apostles with the ministry of reconciliation:

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” — John 20:23

The effects of this sacrament include:

- Complete forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God
- Healing of the soul and restoration of grace
- Peace and spiritual consolation • Strength to resist future temptation • Reconciliation with the Church community

Five Simple Steps to a Good Confession:

1. **Examine Your Conscience** / Reflect honestly on your thoughts, words, actions, and omissions since your last confession.

2. **Be Sincerely Sorry for Your Sins (Contrition)** / Feel true sorrow for offending God's love and the desire to change your life.

3. **Confess Your Sins to the Priest** / Speak honestly and openly. The priest is there to help and guide, never to judge.

4. **Receive Absolution** / Through the words of the priest, Christ forgives your sins and restores your soul.

5. **Do Your Penance** / Fulfill the act of penance the priest gives you as a sign of your conversion and gratitude.

Confession Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm before Mass

Sunday: 7:00 am before Mass

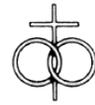
Take a moment to step into His grace. Let go of the burdens, and come be restored in His love.



Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Vigil
Mass times are
5:00 pm
7:00 pm @ St. Catherine

Thursday, January 1
Mass times are
8:00 am & 10:00 am



Wedding Congratulations!!!



Garrett Knox and Emilee Gibson

November 22, 2025



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve
5:00 pm

7:00 pm - St. Catherine of Alexandria
10:00 pm

Christmas Day
8:00 am
10:00 am



Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous “Yes.” Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for his Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

Amen
Archbishop
Dennis M. Schnurr



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)

St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite knitters, crocheters (experienced, novice and those who want to learn) to our next gathering. Together, we provide shawls and lap blankets for those in need of comfort and solace. Contact Sandi Brooks 573-631-5907

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.

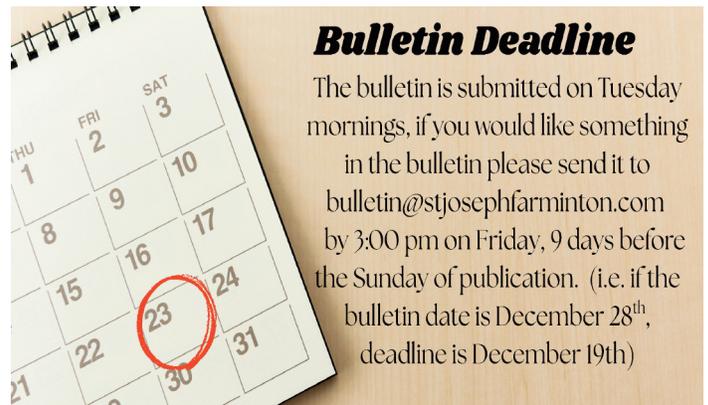
Prayer Requests

Dan Ross, Ron Robinson, **Linda Penberthy, Cathy Barron**, Andrew Robinson, Steve Derby, Katie Eaves, Randy Graham, Sally Whitener, **Tina Pinkston**, Sid LeGrand, Connor Roth, Harold Blankenship, Ralph Jones, Daniel Cabral, Todd Thomas, Cindy Roberts, **Joe Mondello**, Brett Kerner, Mark Biehl, Dana Miller, **Pat Raymer**, Marilyn Hasty, Jennifer Cowie, Mary Strohmeyer, Melissa Clauser, 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, **Phil Roth, Sandy Roth**, John Fox, **Jenny Davault, Steven Paroski**, Liz Presnell Klutsarits.

To add someone to the prayer list contact prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com or 573-756-4250.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday & Anniversary
To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week



Parish Calendar

December

Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20	
Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa after all Masses Our Father's Table 4:00 - 6:00 pm St. Catherine's Christmas Party 5:30 pm	Prayer Shawl 9:00 am	Confessions 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 7pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm Advent Class 7 pm	Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm			
21	22	Confessions 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 7pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm Advent Class 7 pm	24	25	26	27	
		Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass @ St. Catherine's 10:00 pm Mass	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed	Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass No Adoration	No Adoration Parish Office Closed	No Adoration Parish Office Closed	Rosary at the Flag Pole 8:00 am First Saturday Mass 8:30 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Doughnut Sunday after all Masses Hosted by School Board		Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 7pm	Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Greif Ministry 1:00 pm			

January

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 13th - Weekend

5:00 pm: † Stephen Mather

7:00 pm: † Edna Nanney

Sunday, 14th - Weekend

7:30 am: † Bob Govreau

9:00 am: * Parishioners

10:30 am: † Louie Payne

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday, 15th - Advent Weekday

8:00 am: † Edsel & Dorothy Wade

Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, 16th - Advent Weekday

8:00 am: † Ryan Dowell

6:30 pm: † Bob Ward

Readings: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, 17th - Advent Weekday

8:00 am: † Harvey Smith

6:30 pm: † Debbie Douglas

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,
17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, 18th - Advent Weekday

8:00 am: † Ryan Dowell

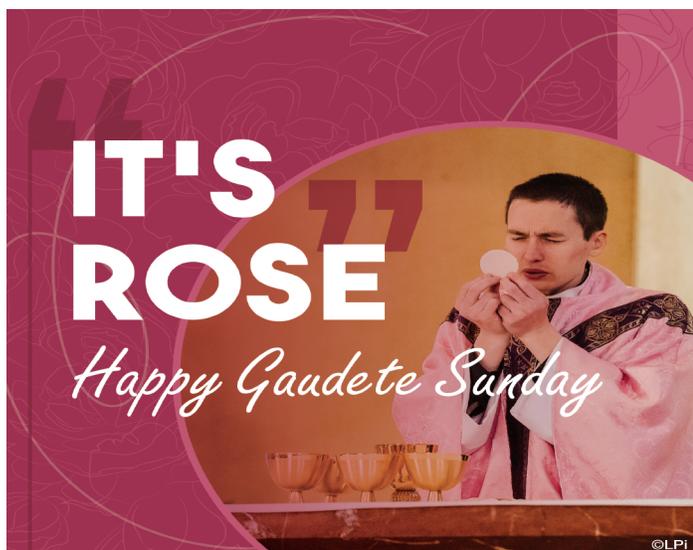
6:30 pm: † Christine Mills

Readings: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday, 19th - Advent Weekday

8:00 am: † Mary Mather

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Mark Berkbigler

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

Ushers: James Cissell, Dylan Kelso, Zach Kelso
Mike Wolo

Servers: Tripp David, Bentley Hickson, Dagny McCarver

Cantor: Rustico Ramos

7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine

Lector: John Adams

Extraordinary Minister: Peggy Adams & Lisa Cartee

Offertory Bearers: Mike & Linda Hagan

Sunday, December 21

7:30 am Mass

Lector: Norene Leonard

Extraordinary Minister: Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Steve
Forsythe, Kathy Neiner, Mandy Whitener

Ushers: Ed Brown, Brenda Donze, Tom Donze,
Jim Gerwitz

Servers: Carter Abt, Charles Hoehn, Faith Watson

9:00 am Mass

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Charlotte VanderBol

Extraordinary Minister: Rob Grindel, Jennifer Rhodus,
Joe Rhodus, Nikki Sheets

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

Servers: Easton Akers, My Phan, Di Phan

Cantor: Michelle Podolak

10:30 am Mass

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Pam Jaycox

Extraordinary Minister: Shirley Bieser, Phyllis LaPlant,
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Ushers: John Bieser, Tim Maloney, Jared Pinkley,
Mike Ward

Servers: Keegan Harper, Mia Hutson, Westley Wilson

Cantor: Judy Davis

Monday, December 15, 2025

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Jana Doré, Shelly Ellis,
LaDonna Kite, Judy Alig

Money Counters

Donna Black, Sue Brown,
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Debbie Thomure

Spiritual Growth Life

Nightly Rosary

Every Night @ 6:30 pm
Call 727-731-5659

Weekly Rosary

Every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Each Thursday First Friday of the Month
8:30 am - 6:30 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

Around the Archdiocese

Christmas Country Church Tour Announcement

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church) in Perryville, Missouri, will be participating in the 20th annual Christmas Country Church Tour. The tour will take place on December 18 and 19, from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The participating churches welcome visitors to view their Christmas decorations and to spend a few moments in silent prayer during the Advent season. Here at the Shrine, a tree will be decorated with prayer petitions from local students. There will be live music both nights from 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the Visitor Center, where unique Christmas items, including nativity sets, will be on display. If you have any questions, please call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-MARY (6279) or visit our website at www.amm.org. We look forward to your visit.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

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>

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