



Est. 1869

# St. Joseph Parish

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.



January 4, 2026

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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

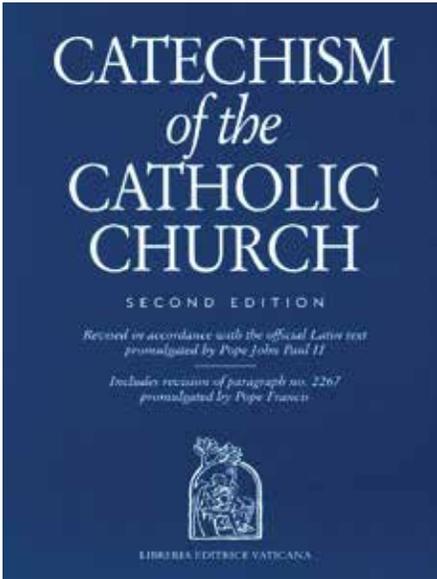
### Reconciliation

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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# Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God?

In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error. CCC 37-38

## Your Gifts to God and Parish

### December 21, 2025

#### Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$15,280.00
Electronic Deposit	\$2,060.00
Loose	\$1,029.30
Immaculate Conception	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
Christmas Offering	\$470.00
	<b>\$18,939.30</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$18,939.30	\$331,120.34
Budgeted Amount	<b>\$12,950.00</b>	<b>\$323,750.00</b>
Shortage/Overage	<b>\$5,989.30</b>	<b>\$7,370.34</b>

#### Specials

Christmas Flowers	\$285.00
Evangelization	\$300.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$105.00
Mission Sunday	\$2.00
School Donation	\$77.00
Seminaries	\$195.00
<b>Total for Specials</b>	<b>\$964.00</b>

### St. Catherine of Alexandria

#### December 20, 2025

Adult Collection	\$145.00
Loose	\$82.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$277.00</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**  
8:30 AM

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**MON-FRI**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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### Fr. Gerson's Schedule

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

Friday:  
10 am - 12 pm

## A Note from Fr. Gerson



This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. I want to share a beautiful homily from Saint Leo the Great on this solemnity.

Saint Leo the Great, Pope  
Sermon: The Lord Loves Childhood

When the three Magi were led by the brightness of a new star to come and adore Jesus, they did not see Him casting out demons, raising the dead, giving sight to the blind, healing the lame, granting speech to the mute, or performing any other act that revealed His divine power; rather, they saw a child who remained silent, calm, and entrusted to the care of His mother. No sign of His power appeared in Him; yet He offered them the sight of a great spectacle: His humility. Thus, the spectacle of this holy Child, to whom God—the Son of God—had united Himself, presented to their eyes a lesson that was later to be proclaimed to the ears; and what His voice did not yet utter, the mere fact of seeing Him already taught.

All the victory of the Savior, who has subdued the devil and the world, began with humility and was brought to completion by humility. He inaugurated His appointed days in persecution, and He also ended them in persecution. Suffering was not absent from the Child, nor was the sweetness of childhood absent from Him who had been called to suffer; for the Only-begotten Son of God, by the sheer abasement of His majesty, willingly accepted being born a man and being able to be put to death by men.

If, by the privilege of His humility, almighty God has made good our cause, so evil, and if He has destroyed death and the author of death (cf. 1 Tim 1:10), not by rejecting what His persecutors made Him suffer, but by bearing with great gentleness and in obedience to His Father the cruelties of those who raged against Him, how much more must we be humble and patient, since, if any trial comes upon us, it never happens without our having deserved it? Who will boast of having a pure heart and of being free from sin? And, as Saint John says, if we were to say that we have no sin, we would deceive ourselves and the truth would not be in us (1 Jn 1:8). Who will be found free from fault, so that justice has nothing to reproach him with, or divine mercy nothing to forgive him?

Therefore, dearly beloved, the practice of Christian wisdom consists neither in an abundance of words, nor in skill in debate, nor in the desire for praise and glory, but in sincere and voluntary humility, which the Lord Jesus Christ chose and taught as true strength, from His mother's womb to the torment of the Cross. For when His disciples disputed among themselves, as the evangelist relates, about who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, He called a child to Himself, set him in their midst, and said: "Truly I say to you, unless you change and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself and becomes like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:1-4).

Christ loves childhood, which He Himself lived at the beginning in soul and body. Christ loves childhood, the teacher of humility, the rule of innocence, the model of gentleness. Christ loves childhood; toward it He directs the ways of the mature, and toward it He leads old age. Those whom He raises to the eternal kingdom He draws to His own example.

I would like to say a very special thank you to Jackie Beck, and everyone who helped make our church beautiful this Christmas season.

I would like to warmly extend an invitation to join us on pilgrimage to Mexico, where we will gather in prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In just two months, we will have the grace of placing our intentions before our Blessed Mother, asking her to lead us ever more deeply to her Son. May this pilgrimage be a time of faith, renewal, and encounter for all who are able to join us.

Fr. Gerson Parra  
Parochial Administrator



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# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## HORNET NATION

January 4, 2026



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**SJ Faculty/Staff Spotlight**  
**Mr. John Podolak,**  
**Maintenance**

Mr. Podolak worked as a police officer and detective before moving to Farmington and serving our parish in the maintenance department.

He has been married for 55 years and has two sons and a daughter. He enjoys reading and sled dog activities like weight pulling and sledding.

Mr. Podolak is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Gateway Sled Dog Club, and serves as an usher at mass.

His favorite saints are St. Michael the Archangel, the patron of police officers, and St. Pope John Paul II. John Paul II was from the same area of Poland as his grandparents.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Break**  
December 20 - January 4
- **No School**  
January 19
- **Catholic Schools Week**  
January 25 - January 31
- **School Mass**  
Fridays at 8:00 am

### A Note From Dr. Boyd, Principal

Everyone at St. Joseph Catholic wishes you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2026. Thank you for your generous support to our school and parish. We will continue to pray for all of you; please do the same for our students, families, faculty and staff.

School resumes for the 2nd semester on Monday, January 5th. May the Peace of Christ be with all of you during the Christmas Season.  
GO HORNETS!

### The Week in Pictures



A big thank you to the Aholt family for generously supporting our school at the dinner auction. They purchased making cookies with Mrs England for Jimmy.



Eighth graders enjoyed a mild December day on the playground.

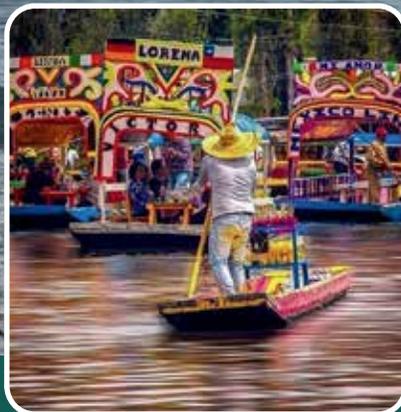
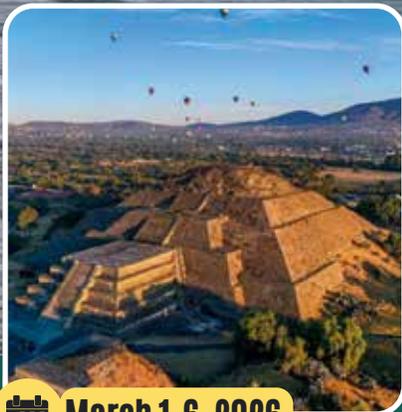
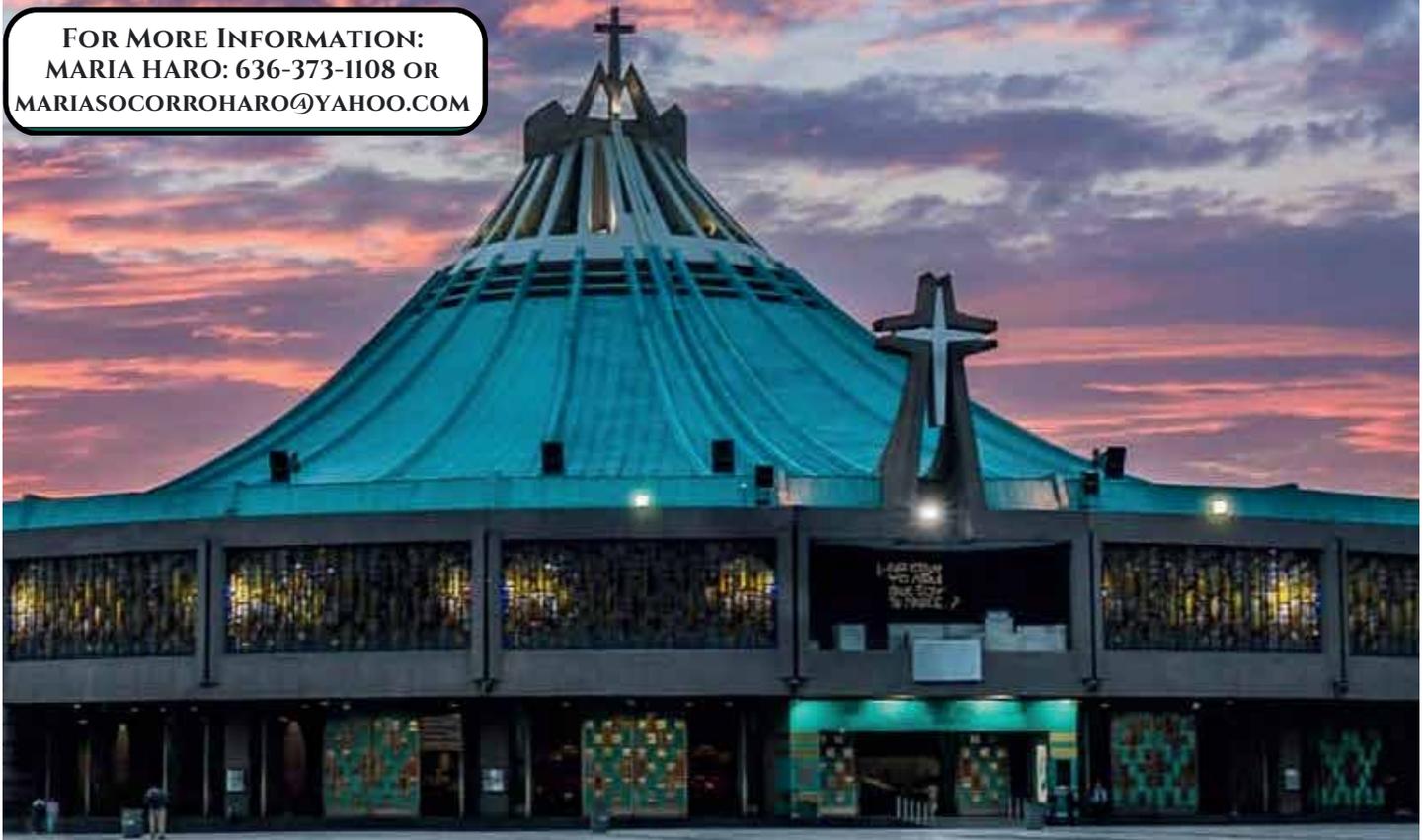


First (left) and seventh graders (above and right) struck a pose before the Advent Recital.



# PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE WITH FR. GERSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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# Scholarships

## Family & Student Information

2026-2027 School Year



# MOScholars

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## Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Program

### About MOScholars:

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

Families Must PreQualify to Apply

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OR  
Scan the QR Code



### Contact the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation:



Jeanette Katic  
Program Director  
314-792-7043  
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## 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.

← OR →

#### 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.



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January 1, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With deep gratitude to God, I joyfully announce the official opening of the Bicentennial Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. On this Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we begin a sacred year of reflection, celebration, and renewal as we journey toward the two hundredth anniversary of our diocese on July 18, 2026.

Our Catholic roots in this region run deep, reaching back more than 350 years to the earliest missionary encounters in the Mississippi Valley. In 1764, the first Mass was offered in the settlement of St. Louis on the site where the Old Cathedral now stands. In 1818, Bishop DuBourg chose St. Louis as the episcopal seat of the growing frontier Church. In 1826, Pope Leo XII established the Diocese of St. Louis and entrusted Bishop Joseph Rosati with a vast mission territory that extended from the Louisiana border to the Rocky Mountains.

We are heirs to this missionary legacy. Our parishes, schools, charitable ministries, religious communities, and lay leaders all bear witness to the enduring light of Christ passed down through generations. Now, in our own time, we are called to carry that light forward with courage, joy, and faith.

This Jubilee Year invites us to honor the past, celebrate the present, and commit ourselves anew to the mission of Christ. Special initiatives, moments of prayer, pilgrimages, and parish celebrations throughout the year will help deepen our communion, renew our missionary zeal, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as one Church.

In honor of this historic milestone, the Holy See, through the Apostolic Penitentiary, has graciously granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to the truly penitent and devout Christian faithful. This indulgence, available through July 26, 2026, is a beautiful gift of God’s mercy, inviting us to deeper conversion and renewed holiness. To receive this grace, the faithful may visit several sacred sites I have designated as pilgrimage locations:

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| All Saints Parish                                       | St. Charles Borromeo Parish                            |
| Basilica of St. Louis, King of France                   | St. Francis Borgia Parish                              |
| Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis                         | St. Ferdinand Parish and the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine  |
| Most Holy Trinity Church (St. Josephine Bakhita Parish) | St. Joachim Parish (Old Mines)                         |
| Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne                  | Chapel of St. Vincent de Paul (Cardinal Rigali Center) |
| St. Alphonsus Parish (Millwood)                         | St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Perryville)                |
| St. Cecilia Parish                                      | Ste. Genevieve Parish (Ste. Genevieve)                 |

Please visit [www.ArchSTL200.org](http://www.ArchSTL200.org) to learn more about these sites, the conditions for receiving the indulgence, and the special provisions for the sick and homebound.

Today, on this first day of the Jubilee Year, I invite you to join your hearts in prayer as we offer the Bicentennial Prayer together and ask God to bless our Archdiocese with unity, holiness, and hope. Let us give thanks for the gift of our faith and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us into a future filled with grace and renewed purpose.

May our patron saints Saint Louis, King of France, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, and Saint Vincent de Paul intercede for us. May Mary, Mother of the Church, wrap us in her mantle of love. And may this Bicentennial Jubilee be a time of profound gratitude, spiritual renewal, and missionary joy for all the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis





Rural Parish Clinic Is Coming to Serve Our Parish Community!

We are excited to share that the Rural Parish Clinic, a ministry of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will begin offering free medical care for individuals and families without health insurance right here at St. Joseph - Farmington starting in Spring 2026.

To help us prepare for this important new ministry, the Clinic team will visit our parish the weekend of January 31st and February 1st.

During each Mass, speakers from the Rural Parish Clinic will introduce who they are, how their mobile medical clinic serves rural communities, and how this partnership will support our neighbors who struggle to access healthcare.

This will also be a wonderful opportunity to learn how you can be part of this mission, whether by becoming a patient, inviting someone who may need care, or volunteering your time and talents. Rooted in the healing mission of Christ, the Rural Parish Clinic brings compassionate, dignified healthcare to those who need it most.

Please join us that weekend to learn more and help us prepare for this exciting new chapter in caring for our neighbors.

# 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



\$58,761.41

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



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

## Bicentennial Jubilee

*A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope.*

Throughout 2026, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is celebrating its 200th anniversary with the Bicentennial Jubilee. This Jubilee invites us to celebrate our heritage, rekindle our hope, and let Christ's light shine through prayer, storytelling, service, and unity.

As you celebrate, we'd love to see and share those moments! Tag your photos and stories with #ArchSTL200



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## St. John Neumann | January 5

St. John Neumann is the patron saint of educators, immigrants, and, due to the miracles that secured his canonization, sick children. This is a fitting patronage as he was a lover of education and learning from a very young age. In fact, when he was a child, his mother called him "my little bibliomaniac" due to his preoccupation with reading. Born in 1811 Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic, he attended the university in Prague preparing for ordination. However, his local bishops were not ordaining new priests at the time because Bohemia was overstocked with priests. He inquired about ordination all over Europe but received the same answer everywhere. Not one to be deterred, John then applied to several United States dioceses. Receiving no immediate responses, the saint took a leap of faith and decided to just immigrate to the United States in 1836, during his 25th year, with only \$40 in his pocket. This risk paid off when he was ordained in New York a month later.



Early in his priesthood he worked primarily as a missionary to German immigrants in Buffalo. His missionary work also created an opportunity for him to spend time in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. When he was 29, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was their first member to profess vows in the United States.

In 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. During this time, he organized the individual parochial schools in his region into a diocesan system. This change allowed Catholic schools to quickly increase the number of pupils enrolled by almost twentyfold. Over the course of his ministry, St. John expanded the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100! His passion for education extended to immigrants, like himself, and his love for learning languages made it possible for him to hear confessions in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, and Gaelic!

A man of the people, he could often be found outside the church walls visiting people who were sick, staying in taverns and public houses to teach, and celebrating Mass in people's homes at their kitchen tables. He was canonized on June 19, 1977, following three miracles, two of which regarded the healing of youth from grave illnesses. St. John Neumann was the first American man to be canonized a saint. © LPi



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

## GOSPEL

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.



# 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.



The Women of Mary had their December meeting at Twin Oaks Winery. A special Thank You to Karen Hutson for hosting the day. The ladies enjoyed

the fun afternoon with wine samples, snacks, fun and games. Please join the ladies at their next meeting, Wednesday, January 21st at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. For more information please contact Donna Conklin at [drconklin1907@gmail.com](mailto:drconklin1907@gmail.com).

## Catholic Belief Spotlight

Sister Margaret Mary Butski, OSF, wrote a letter entitled:

### HOLY EUCHARIST DIVINE CHEMOTHERAPY FOR THE CANCER OF SIN.

In her letter, she likened sin to cancer saying that sin grows quietly at first, slowly eating away at our soul, until we suddenly find ourselves totally ensnared by it. It starts small (it won't matter just this once or I'll do things right next time) and then we find ourselves routinely making excuses for our actions, words, or thoughts. **Sin, like cancer, slowly eats away at our relationship with God.** We begin to find reasons to cut our prayer time short, until suddenly we are no longer praying at all. Mass and Holy Communion on Sundays become mere habits and bear no meaning in our hearts. Jesus is there but we ignore Him!

Sister Butski says, like cancer, sin can be surgically removed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The follow up treatment for full recovery is to receive Holy Communion often, and even on a daily basis, like divine chemotherapy. It has the power to kill sin within us if we allow its grace to work within our hearts. Attending Adoration can also be a source of divine radiation. Jesus, who walked the earth forgiving sins and healing all who were afflicted is here, waiting for you!



### Please pray for those who are carrying the gift of life.

Especially **Ali (Garry) Redmond**. Please call the parish office if you would like to be added to our prayer list.

### 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

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)



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



*In memory of*..... *from*  
John Keith, Betty Gough, Mary Benoist ..... Tom & Tammy Benoist  
Mabel & Richard Streich, Lucy & Edward Lober, Peg & Jim Luetkemeyer, Dick & Dotty Streich .....  
..... Norman & Rosemary Lober  
Robert McManus, Celestial Family, Panes Family, Supanghari Family ..... Thelma McManus  
Alan Dziewa, Joan & Jack Manley, Chet & Ellie Dziewa, Ila & Scott Thompson..... Kathy Thompson

## Prayer Requests

Linda (Wolk) Schaper, **Gerald and Eileen Abt**, Larry Winick, Mike Tully, Paul Podolak, Dick Ryan, Karen Politte-Corn, Peggy Gabarino, Dan Ross, Ron Robinson, **Linda Penberthy**, Andrew Robinson, Steve Derby, Katie Eaves, Randy Graham, Sally Whitener, 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.

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

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



# Parish Calendar

## December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Doughnut Sunday after all Masses Hosted by School Board	5	6 Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 7pm	7 Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg 7:00 pm	8 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Greif Ministry 1:00 pm	9	10
11 Knights of Columbus Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses	12 Prayer Shawl 9:00 am	13 Choir Practice 6pm School Board 6 pm Cantor Practice 7pm	14 Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm	15 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm	16	17
18 Our Father's Table 4:00 - 6:00 pm	19 No School	20 Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 7pm	21 Women of Mary Mtg. 1:00 pm Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm Knights COR mtg. 7:00 pm	22 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm	23	24
25 	26	27 Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 7pm Parish Council 7 pm	28 Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm	29 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Benediction 6:15 pm Mass 6:30 pm	30 Finance Mtg. 11 am Family Picnic 11:30 am Early Out 12:30 pm Teacher PD 12:30 pm	31 Archbishop Rozanski Celebrating Mass 5pm Rural Parish Clinic Visit 6 pm

## January

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, 3rd

5:00 pm: † Floyd McFarland

7:00 pm: \* Parishioners

Sunday, 4th

7:30 am: † Pat & Don Johnson

9:00 am: † Wulfers Family

10:30 am: † Bob Ward

Readings: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday, 5th - St. John Neumann

8:00 am: † Parishioners

Readings: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, 6th - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am: Communion Service

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, 7th - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am: Communion Service

Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, 8th - Christmas Weekday

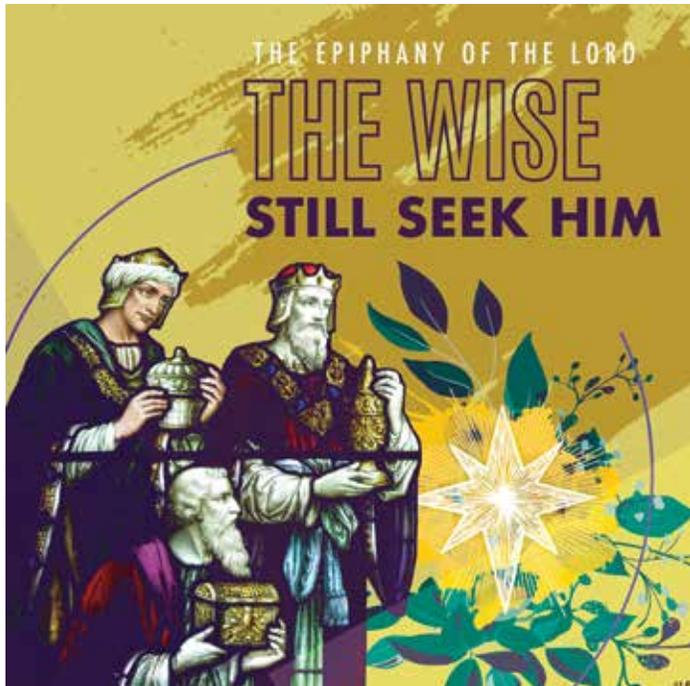
8:00 am: Communion Service

Readings: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, 9th - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am: † St. Joseph Teachers and Students

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 5:12-16



## The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10

5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Sandi Brooks

Extraordinary Minister: Dotty Bach, Laura Denkler,  
LeAnn Luedecke, Newt Luedecke, Jill Patton

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

Servers: Mazie Bach, Mia Martin, Logan Pinkston

Cantor: Michelle Podolak

7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine

Lector: John Adams

Extraordinary Minister: Rosie Eck and Linda Smith

Offertory Bearers: Raymond and Betty Wolk

Sunday, January 11

7:30 am Mass

Lector: Norene Leonard

Extraordinary Minister: Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Brenda  
Donze, Tom Donze, Steve Forsythe

Ushers: Jay Ellis, Jerry Hulse, Jack Neiner, Scott  
Watson

Servers: Ryder Herbst, Wade Rariden, Faith Watson

9:00 am Mass

Lector: Charlotte VanderBol

Extraordinary Minister: Mitch Fuemmeler, Jennifer  
Rhodus, Joe Rhodus, Nikki Sheets, Susan  
Stroud

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

Servers: Jimmy Martin, Leslie Martin, Wesson Sheets

Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

10:30 am Mass

Lector: Pam Aiello

Extraordinary Minister: Charlie Boyd, Risha Gaines,  
Phyllis LaPlant, Katie Schwent, Lee Schwent

Ushers: Kevin Calanquin, Tim Maloney, Chad Speaker,  
Cory Wolff

Servers: Easton Akers, Stella Gaines, Kannedy  
Hubbard

Cantor: Judy Davis

Monday, January 5, 2026

Sacristans

Jayne Wooldridge,  
Bobbie Thomure, Sandi Brooks  
Vanessa Trokey

Money Counters

@ 8:00 am

Jane Eck,  
Kathy Thompson,  
Anne Crawford,  
Shirley Bieser

Money Counters

@ 12:00 pm

Donna Black,  
Sue Brown,  
Kathy Neiner,  
Debbie Thomure

## WHAT IS THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING?



This blessing is done with blessed chalk on your front door on the Epiphany!

To do the blessing, anywhere on your front door, but typically at the top of it, you write "20+C+M+B+26" with blessed chalk (any color works!)

The 20 stands for the first two numbers of the year, C stands for Caspar, M stands for Melchior, B for Balthasar (the 3 Wise Men) and 26 stands for the last two numbers of the year.

CMB also stands for Christius Mansionem Benedicat which is a Latin blessing that means "May Christ Bless this House."

### BLESS THE CHALK

**Leader:** (Either a priest, or spiritual leader of your home): "Our help is the name of the Lord."

**All:** "The maker of heaven and earth."

**Leader:** "The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in."

**All:** "From this time forth for evermore."

**Leader:** "The Lord be with you."

**All:** "And also with you."

**Leader:** "Let us pray."

**All:** "Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name all who use it in faith to write upon the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit their home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

(You may sprinkle the chalk with holy water.)

### BLESS YOUR HOME

**Leader:** "Peace be to this house."

**All:** "And to all who dwell herein."

**All:** "From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial."

**All Pray:** The Magnificat. During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water

**All:** "From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial."

**Leader:** "Our Father. . .

And lead us not into temptation"

**All:** "But deliver us from evil."

**Leader:** "All they from Saba shall come"

**All:** "Bringing gold and frankincense."

**Leader:** "O Lord, hear my prayer."

**All:** "And let my cry come to You."

**Leader:** "Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord."

**All:** "Amen."

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