



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Established 1890

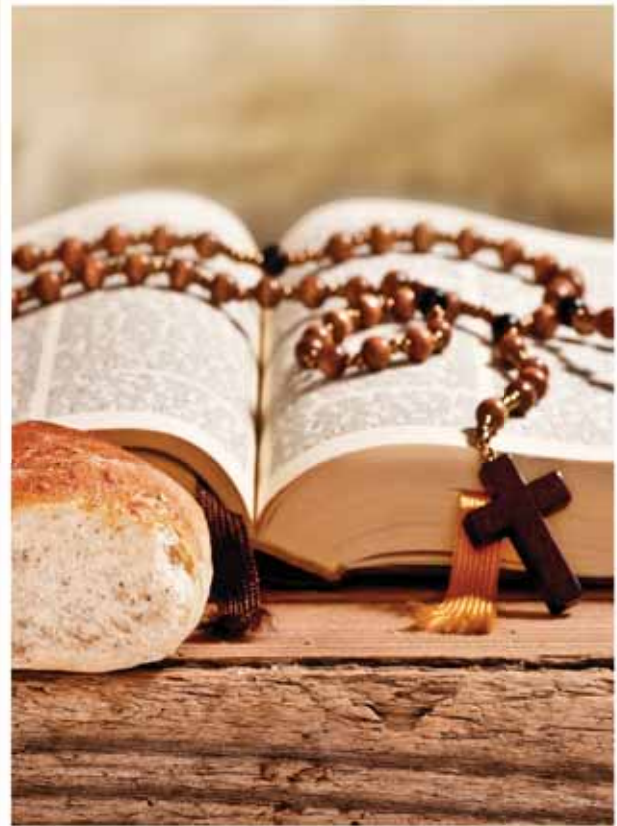
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## Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

Jesus said,  
"One does not live  
on bread alone,  
but on every word  
that comes forth  
from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4



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### Parish Mission Statement

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be His church and live His gospel.  
We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling by prayer, worship, teaching  
and in sharing our faith and serving others. Guided by the Holy Spirit and through  
our patron St. Joseph, we commit ourselves to the responsible stewardship of all God's gifts.*

#### Mass Schedule

##### Weekday Masses

Monday - Communion Service  
Tue.-Fri. - 8:00 am  
School Mass Fridays Aug-May

##### Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am

#### Contact

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##### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday • 8:00 - 3:30 pm

#### Sacraments

##### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm  
Sundays 7:00-7:15 am or by appt

##### Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

##### Baptism

Please contact the parish office.

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# Welcome!

We believe every individual is on a journey to become closer to God – where you are on that journey is unique. We seek to welcome each person regardless of the stage of their spiritual life, their struggles, failings, or faults. Join us each week as we worship God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

God is working in your life. He is guiding you on this journey in life. This journey is never meant to be one you take on your own. We hope and pray that you will reach out, sign up and attend any of our parish activities. This journey is meant to be shared. Thank you for coming.

## Our Pastoral Team

**Rev. William Thess / Pastor**..... [williamthess@archstl.org](mailto:williamthess@archstl.org)  
**Deacon Mark Byington / Permanent Deacon** ... [deaconmark@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:deaconmark@stjosephfarmington.com)  
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**Abe AuBuchon / Bulletin Editor** ..... [bulletin@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:bulletin@stjosephfarmington.com)

Tim Maloney - Pastoral Council / Jim Eaton - Financial Commission / Rob Grindel - Property and Maintenance  
 Ed Brown - Cemetery Association / Mike Ward - Knights of Columbus

### Parish Business Office Hours

Monday thru Friday • 8:00 am to 3:30 pm • Phone (573)756-4250 • Fax (573)756-6938  
 10 North Long Street • Farmington, MO 63640  
[www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://www.stjosephfarmington.com)

## Your Gifts to God and Parish



# Sunday February 23, 2020



### Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$7,573.00
Ash Wednesday	\$170.00
Electronic Deposit	\$2,208.00
First Offering	\$5.00
Loose	<u>\$563.75</u>
	<b>\$10,519.75</b>

### Specials

Help The Hungry Bakesale	\$100.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$50.00
Our Father's Table	\$155.00
Partners in Education	\$55.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$20.00</u>
<b>Total for Specials</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>

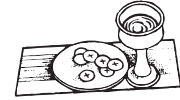
	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$10,519.75	\$446,283.19
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,125.00</u>	<u>\$412,250.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	<b>(\$1,605.25)</b>	<b>\$34,033.19</b>

**Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!**  
 \* This does not include our budgeted Holy Day offerings

# Liturgical Life



## Mass Schedule



Week of March 2 - 8

Monday  
**2**

### Lenten Weekday

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10,  
15; Mt 25:31-46

8:00 am: **Communion Service**

Tuesday  
**3**

### Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;  
Mt 6:7-15

8:00 am: **Don Johnson**

Wednesday  
**4**

### Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,  
18-19; Lk 11:29-32

7:00 am: **Chuck & Rose Hayden Family**

Thursday  
**5**

### Lenten Weekday

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps  
138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

8:00 am: **Jeanie Gegg**

Friday  
**6**

### Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8;  
Mt 5:20-26

8:00 am: **James, Renee & Easton Rustemeyer**

## Second Sunday of Lent

**7**

Readings: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Saturday: 5:00 pm: **Keith Hutson**

&  
**8**

Sunday: 7:30 am: **Carol Schlager**

9:00 am: **Joe Maloney**

10:30 am: **St. Joseph Parishioners**

## Monday, March 2, 2020

### Sacristans

Sue Brown,  
Jayne Wooldridge,  
Barb Doss, Geneva Jokerst

### Money Counters

Fran Craft, Betty Combs  
Jackie Maloney, Nancy Ott

## Saturday, March 7

### 5:00 pm Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Rustico Ramos

**Extraordinary Ministers:** David Brickler, Pam Brickler,  
John Denkler, Jill Patton

**Ushers:** Clifford Gerstner, Gary Harris, Mark Kellogg,  
Bob Wilson

**Servers:** K. Ramos, K. Ramos, M. Williams

**Cantor:** Jane Ramos

## Sunday, March 8

### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Jim Eaton

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Steve Forsythe, Rose Hayden,  
Jack Neiner, Kathy Neiner

**Ushers:** Jay Ellis, Jim Gerwitz, Terry Westrich,  
Ed Wooldridge

**Servers:** A. Abt, S. Schafer

### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Jennifer Rhodus

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Jane Eck, Dawn Fuemmeler,  
Mitch Fuemmeler, Cindy Kelso

**Ushers:** Mike Backer, John England, George Kracke,  
Kevin Meyer

**Servers:** C. Carron, B. Howard, C. Howard

**Cantor:** Tom Berkbigler

### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Helen Thurman

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Shirley Bieser, Charlie Boyd,  
Rita Boyd, David Werner

**Ushers:** John Bieser, James Cissell,  
Kenneth LaBorde, Cory Wolff

**Servers:** A. Boyd, K. Werner, R. Williams

**Cantor:** Susan McMann



# St. Catherine of Alexandria



Mass Schedule:  
Saturday 7:00 pm

*Coffman, Missouri*

Holy Day of Obligation:  
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

## Saturday, March 7

**Celebrant:** Fr. William Thess  
**Lector:** Peggy Adams  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Susie Herzog  
**Offertory Bearers:** Mike & Linda Hagan  
**Mass Intentions:** Quinten & Gladys Gegg

## Weekly Offertory

**February 22, 2020**

Adult Collection	\$490.00
Donation	\$600.00
Loose	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>

## Parish Calendar

### Planning Ahead



**March 7**  
Rosary at the Flagpole



**March 8**  
Blood Drive



**March 13**  
All Day Confessions



**March 15**  
First Scrutiny - RCIA



**March 17**  
Deacons Class



**March 21**  
Mouse Races



**March 25**  
Confirmation

## This Week

### Monday, March 2

**Respect Life Meeting**  
6:30 pm • Parish Center

### Tuesday, March 3

**Choir Practice**  
6:00 pm • Church

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

**Deacons Lectio Divina Class**  
6:30 pm • Parish Center

### Wednesday, March 4

**Women of Mary Meeting**  
1:00 pm • Parish Center

### PSR

6:00 pm • School

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

### Rosary

7:00 pm • Church

### Thursday, March 5

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
8:30 am - 6:30 pm • Church

### RCIA

6:30 pm • Parish Center

### Friday, March 6

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
8:30 am - 6:30 pm • Church

### Saturday, March 7

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

### Sunday, March 8

**Knights Blood Drive**  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
• School

### Knights Breakfast

After 7:30 & 9:00 am • School

## Together We Pray for Those Who are Sick



Parishioners names are in bold.

Gabe Hendrix	Lonnie Thatcher
<b>Ethel Backer</b>	Emelina Lara
Willie Miller	<b>Mary Lee Visnovski</b>
<b>Donald Shaw</b>	Reece Czapa
<b>Mark Basler</b>	<b>Mary Carter</b>
Jill Mitchell	Matt Hensen
Samantha Borders	James Francis
<b>Kevin Engler</b>	<b>Wilma Whitworth</b>
<b>Luann Ludholz Hale</b>	<b>John Thurman</b>
<b>Theresa Politte</b>	Steve Armstrong
<b>Mary Schular</b>	Wanda Wensink
Easton Rustemeyer	Seth Johnson
<b>Ethel Backer</b>	Pauline Sebesak
<b>Marge Barth</b>	<b>Gloria Bruce</b>
<b>Leslie Hughes</b>	<b>Warren Lodholz</b>
Curt Hutson	Danelle Carriere
Norma Miller	<b>Steve Kaba</b>
Tom Herrell	<b>Chuck Davis</b>
Betty Hellebusch	Noel VanderBol
Gerald Kluesner	Joshua VanderBol
Tom Taylor	<b>Gladys Stamm</b>
Shawnee Wheeler	Lori Howlett
Jeremy Bucheit	Loretta Kiefer
<b>Sandi Kracke</b>	<b>John Eck</b>

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

## Spiritual Growth this Lenten Season

### Stations of the Cross



Fridays During Lent  
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm



### All Day Reconciliation

March 13 • 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

### The Living Stations of the Cross



Friday, March 20  
• 2:00 & 7:00 pm

The 7th & 8th  
Grade Classes



### Mary's Way of the Cross

Wednesday, April 8  
7:00 pm

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Lauren Francis on the arrival of Adilyn Elaine on February 17, 2020

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

**Ashley (Matt) Bono**

**Ashley (Kevin) Harris**

Please call the parish office if you would like to be added to our prayer list.



## Please Pray for our Troops



**E-4 Spec. Beau Brandt**  
grandson of Debbie Thomure

**Sergeant Grace Jones**  
daughter-in-law of Dale and Arlene Jones

**1st LT David Rogers**  
son-in-law of Gina Kearns

**Specialist Mark Bieser**  
Parishioner

**Tech Sergeant Amber Kammerer**  
sister of Bryan & Mandy Hubbard

**1st LT Jacob Roney**  
son of Kevin and Terri Roney

**Specialist James Bishop**  
grandson of Judy Carriere

**1 LT Olivia M. Klinkhardt**  
niece Mary Lou Brady

**Patrick Rudroff**  
son of Greg & Susan Rudroff

**Major Nick Bono**  
brother of Matt Bono

**Sergeant Timothy Masters**  
Parishioner

**ET2 Josh Rustemeyer**  
grandson of Jo Rustemeyer

**Major David Brewer**  
son of Louise Brewer

**Logan Methenia**  
nephew of Tracy Millstead

**Ryan Turk**  
nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

**Sergeant Gregory T. Corcoran**  
nephew of Tom Corcoran

**Corporal Austin Patton**  
son of Jill Patton

**PFC Andre Turner**  
son of Mike & Christine Turner

**SMSGT James Ethington**  
son-in-law of Jim & Maudie Kelly

**Lt Cmdr. Catherine (Wolo) Perez**  
daughter of Mike and Jo Anne Wolo

**BJ Waltz**  
nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

**CW4 Steve Howell**  
son-in-law of John & Michelle Podolak

**Sr MSgt E-8 Chris (Jill) Perkuhn**  
son-in-law of Jay (Shelly) Ellis

**Spc James Wolf**  
grandson of James Rose

**A1C Alex Huskey**  
grandson of Frank & Sandy Laramore

**CW3 Nicholas Andrew Rice**  
son of Nick and Margaret Rice

**SSG Justin Wolf**  
grandson of James Rose



### Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions

#### Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

### Wednesday Rosary

Wednesday at 7:00 pm



Our petition for this week:  
"For all those effected by the coronavirus."

# Every Friday During Lent



## St. Joseph School Gym from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

(South Carleton Street in Farmington) Adults \$10.00, Children (5-10) \$5.00

Children 4 and under FREE

All You  
Can Eat

### Menu Includes

Carry  
Out

- Three types of fish: Catfish, Tilapia, and Pollock
- Sides of hush puppies, cole slaw, green beans, stewed tomatoes, french fries, toasted cheese, macaroni and cheese and a specialty side dish each week
- Your choice of tea, coffee or lemonade
- Delicious homemade desserts prepared by Women of Mary

#### Specialty items each week are:

**March 6** - corn on the cob    **March 13** - fried okra    **March 20** - bean casserole  
**March 27** - onion rings    **April 3** - shrimp

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## Host Parish Organizations Fish Fry Dates

### March 6 & 27

RCIA Team, Candidates and Catechumens, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Finance Board, ACTS community, Respect Life Committee, Parishioners, St. Catherine's Parishioners

### March 13 & April 3

PSR Families, PSR Faculty, Knights of Columbus, 5:00, 9:00 & 10:30 Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, Parishioners, Lectors

### March 20

School and Preschool Families, School & Preschool Faculty, School Board, Pastoral Council Members, Parishioners, Our Father's Table

- **Ticket Collectors and Money Counters** - Ed and Sue Brown, Chairs, and our Money Counter teams
  - **Desserts operated by** Women of Mary    • **50/50 Raffle worked by** Confirmation Class
  - **Drink Table worked by** Youth Group    • **Beer Booth operated by** Knights of Columbus
  - **Quilt Booth operated by** Quilters

*All parish organizations working on assigned dates are asked to report to the cafeteria at their scheduled time and see the posted schedule for who to report to.*

*All second shift workers are asked to stay until 7:30 to help take down tables and chairs.*



# The Holy See



## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020

**“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5: 20)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

### *1. The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion*

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (Christus Vivit, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (Jn 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

### *2. The urgency of conversion*

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God’s mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hos 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

### *3. God’s passionate will to dialogue with his children*

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church



and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, "turning of God against himself" (Deus Caritas Est, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

#### 4. *A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself*

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes. I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

Francis

Rome, at Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019  
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



Get your tickets and  
sponsor a mouse today!  
573-756-4250

St. Joseph  
Mouse Derby!  
March 21, 2020

#### Donations Needed!

- Bottles for Adult Bottle Booth
- Gift cards for Casino Games

## Women of Mary Meeting

Wednesday, March 4  
1:00 pm in the parish center



Women of Mary would like to invite all women of the parish, 18 years and older, to our next meeting on **March 4 at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Center. As Women of Mary, our goal is to create a warm and loving environment in which we share in a spiritual journey that is dedicated to Mary, our Mother, and service to our parish and community.

# Welcome Our RCIA Members

## Catechumens



DeAnna Cartee



Doug Cartee



Dan Jaycox

## Candidates



Dave Andrews



Brenda Andrews



Courtney Piekarski



Becky Tracy



Kayla Pratte



Dustin Washam

### As We Walk With the Lord on His Way to Jerusalem

Please join Deacon Mark Byington on **Tuesdays during Lent from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Please RSVP at 573-756-4250

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday, March 2 • 6:30 pm  
Parish Center**

We will be addressing Easter cards for those parishioners confined to their homes or in nursing homes. Please join us!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

### Meeting

Wednesday, March 4 7:00 pm



**Rosary at Flagpole**  
Saturday, March 7 8:00 am

### Blood Drive

Sunday, March 8 8:00 - 12:30 pm



### Breakfast

Sunday, March 8 7:30 & 9 am Masses

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary 

To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!

