



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Established 1890

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,  
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

OUR LORD  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
**KING**

OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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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

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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.

# 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

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

## Your Gifts to God and Parish



### Sunday November 15, 2020



#### Weekly Collection

Adult Envelopes	\$9,605.00
All Saints Day	\$20.00
Electronic Deposit	\$508.00
Loose	<u>\$95.25</u>
	<b>\$10,228.25</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$10,228.25	\$218,145.07
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$12,410.00</u>	<u>\$248,200.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	<b>(\$2,181.75)</b>	<b>(\$30,054.93)</b>

#### Specials

All Souls Day	\$15.00
Grotto Donations	\$1,450.00
Holy Land	\$50.00
Human Development	\$95.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$140.00
Mission Sunday	\$30.00
Partners in Education	\$25.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$400.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$347.00</u>
<b>Total for Specials</b>	<b>\$2,557.00</b>

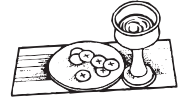


# Liturgical Life



## Mass Schedule

Week of November 23 - 29



Monday  
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**St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Martyr and Companions, Martyrs**

Readings: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

8:00 am: **Communion Service**

Tuesday  
24

**Weekday**

Readings: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

8:00 am: **Nancy Eck**

Wednesday  
25

**Weekday**

Readings: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

8:00 am:

Thursday  
26

**Weekday**

Readings: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

8:00 am: **Tom & Adelaide Herrell**

Friday  
27

**Weekday**

Readings: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

8:00 am: **Dolores Fitzgerald/deceased members of Santoyo Family**

## First Sunday of Advent

28

Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Saturday: 5:00 pm: **Joyce Heberlie**

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Sunday: 7:30 am: **Cathy Reichert**

9:00 am: **St. Joseph Parishioners**

10:30 am:

## Monday, November 23, 2020

### Sacristans

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

### Money Counters

Donna Black, Sue Brown,  
Kathy Neiner,  
Debbie Thomure

## Saturday, November 28

### 5:00 pm Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Vanessa Trokey

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** Mark Kellogg, George Kracke

**Servers:** None

**Cantor:** None

## Saturday, November 29

### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Vickey Damba

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** Corey Hulse, Gerald Hulse

**Servers:** None

### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Mark Berkbigler

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** Dan Combs, Cliff Gerstner

**Servers:** None

**Cantor:** None

### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Chad Speakar

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** John Bieser, Ryan Dowell

**Servers:** None

**Cantor:** None



# St. Catherine of Alexandria



Mass Schedule:  
Saturday 7:00 pm

*Coffman, Missouri*

Holy Day of Obligation:  
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

## Saturday, November 28

**Celebrant:** Fr. William Thess  
**Lector:** Betty Vogt  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** None  
**Offertory Bearers:** None  
**Mass Intention:** Tom Taylor

## Weekly Offertory

**November 14, 2020**

Adult Envelopes	\$160.00
Loose	\$61.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$221.00</b>

## Today, November 21

Anointing of the Sick after Mass.



Thanksgiving Food Drive  
next week for  
St. Vincent de Paul

## Happy Birthday!

November 23

**Doug Cartee**

November 24

**John Adams     Doretta Herzog**

## Weekly Reflections



Perhaps it is important to remember that while the image of Christ as King has been known throughout Christianity, this feast was founded in 1925 as a reaction and a response to growing secularism, communism, and atheism that were becoming prevalent after World War I. If we pull back the lens even further, we will remember that throughout history there has seldom been a peaceful time in the Christian world. The Holy Land itself has frequently been a battle ground. There have been schisms and divisions in the history of the church itself, and every church council was convened to try to correct some mistaken notion, world event, or church heresy. Nor has church leadership always had clean hands, and there have been wars, genocides, and insurrections "in the name of Christ." Today, when more and more people are leaving organized religion altogether, and people identify themselves as "spiritual but not religious" or "nones," the need for Christ as leader and ruler and guide is more pressing than ever.

ing from climate change to politics to creed. Sometimes we try and sort it all out, and it is hard to know who and what to believe. One can find multiple takes on the same news story, and social media can easily sway us. Yet when we focus on the Gospel story, it seems very simple indeed. We do not have to know it all or figure it all out. We are not the one on the throne during the Last Judgment. When God starts separating the sheep from the goats, the formula is a simple rule of thumb. "When did you see Christ in others? When did you respond accordingly?" It does not ask if you are Catholic or even Christian; whether you had a police record or an incurable disease; whether you had a PhD or a fifth-grade education, or what languages you spoke. The call is to remember that "Whatsoever you did to the least you did for me." And then there will be the invitation, "Come you who are blessed. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

### INHERIT THE KINGDOM

The world in which we live is complex. We are a diverse, global society and there are many issues and opinions rang-

Today's Readings: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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# Prayer Life

## Together We Pray for Those Who are Sick



Parishioners names are in bold.

Easton Rustemyer	Julie Anthony
<b>Vince Block</b>	<b>Pat Kernan</b>
<b>Michelle Hoffmeister</b>	Rhonda Thurman
Bill Yeagain	Jim Thurman
Clarence Briley	Frank Wilson
Virginia Smalley	Patrick Blankenship
Kay Bach	<b>Warren Lodholz</b>
<b>Mary Miller</b>	Ellen Marquart
Karen Chandler	<b>Donna Hager</b>
Fred Treece	Levi Tedder
Karen Treece	<b>Mia Rizo</b>
<b>Dale Springs</b>	<b>Ginger Baechle</b>
<b>Carl Pruetzel</b>	Ashley Kernan
<b>Sue Pruetzel</b>	Delores Gross
<b>Mike Hagan</b>	<b>Wilma Kernan</b>
Sr. Amelia Stenger	Greg Haug
Patty Valle	Anna Webber
<b>Jerri Jane Johnson</b>	Corey Powers
Jackie Redd	Wanda Jones
Richard Morris	Terri LoRusso
<b>John Eck</b>	Rich LoRusso
Jason Eastman	Roy Taylor
Margaret Combs	Jim Roche
David Anthony	Keith Colwell

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

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

**Jessica (Ross) Asher**

**Hannah (Bobby) Gawf**

**Alyssa (Alex) Trautman**

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

## Eucharistic Adoration

**No Adoration on Thanksgiving Day**

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

We pray for the repose of the soul of



**Margaret Combs**  
mother of Dan Combs



## Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death.



Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

## PSR



## PSR in Need of 5th Grade Teacher

Would you like to share your faith? Do you feel a calling to work with our parish youth? St. Joseph Parish has an opening for a fifth-grade PSR catechist beginning in January. PSR classes are Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:15 pm Responsibilities include planning engaging lessons for the class.

If interested, contact Jane Ramos at 573-631-1722



# Advent Begins Next Sunday. . .



## What is Advent?

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church. On the first day of Advent, which begins next **Sunday on December 3**, the Church celebrates its New Year's Day. The date for the beginning of Advent falls each year on the Sunday closest to November 30 - the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle.

## Is Advent the same as Christmas?

Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that Advent is part of the Christmas celebration. In fact, Advent is a separate time of preparation all its own. For the Catholic Church, Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve and it continues until the "Octave of the Epiphany" on January 7.

Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. This season is very similar to Lent which helps us to prepare for Easter. In modern times we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. This is a great tragedy. Focusing only on the joy denies the truth: the Christ Child is our Lord and Savior Who will suffer and die for our salvation.

## What is the history of Advent?

Originally Advent was celebrated over forty days, just like the Lenten season. This has now been shortened to four weeks, but the symbolism remains. You may notice another similarity to Lent when you attend Mass; although we still sing the Alleluia before the Gospel reading, we no longer sing the song of the angels - the Gloria. We will sing this song anew with the angels on Christmas day - just as they did over 2000 years ago.

The Scripture readings during Mass remind us of all the prophecies that point to the Lord's coming. We are called to keep watch and to leave behind our sinful ways. We also hear the recurring theme of a light shining through darkness. In Isaiah 60:19 we are reminded of this promise: "The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory."

## What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. The light of the flame is a visual reminder that Christ is "The Light of the World" (John 8:12). There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.



Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice and prayer. During the first, second and the fourth weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning. The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet's Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the Bethlehem Candle reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the Shepherd's Candle reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The fourth Sunday symbolizes Peace with the Angel's Candle reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

When Advent Wreaths are decorated the materials often have symbolic meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ, holly represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus, and pine cones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.

## How do I involve my children with our Advent Wreath?

Advent is a great way to keep children focused on preparing for the coming of the Christ Child instead of on materialistic desires. Each new week of Advent begins at Mass with the lighting of a new candle on the parish Advent Wreath. Our parish family is connected to our personal family when we light our own Advent Wreath at home. Explain to your children the meaning of this week's candle and what they should focus on during the coming week.





# St. Joseph Catholic School

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

FOR OUR

## Virtual Auction

PRE BIDDING LAUNCHES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH.  
CHECK BACK DAILY AS NEW CATEGORIES OPEN UP.

FOR IN-PERSON BIDDING JOIN US:

FRIDAY: 6:00PM-8:00PM

SATURDAY ; 8:00AM-8:00PM

SUNDAY; 8:00AM-1:00PM



STEP 1: OPEN UP YOUR CAMERA ON DEVICE

STEP 2: SCAN QR CODE WITH CAMERA

STEP 3: CLICK POP-UP

STEP 4: SELECT YOUR OPTION

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO USE THE QR CODE  
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[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/STJAUCTION](https://linktr.ee/stjauction)



## Parish Ministries

### "Simple Advent by Candlelight"

**November 29**

**Speaker: Judy Brown**  
**Please RSVP**

**Social Distancing will be practiced**  
**6:00-7:45 in school gymnasium**

This year's Advent by Candlelight will be held on **Sunday, November 29 at 6:00 pm** for our ladies to come together for an evening of reflection, celebration, and friendship as they prepare the way of the Lord during the Season of Advent.

This evening is designed to bring our ladies together for a relaxing evening of socialization while providing a faithful reflection on the preparation for Christmas. **Judy Brown from Center for Mercy** will be our guest presenter.

**Please call the parish office to RSVP. This will help in our preparations for the evening.**

We will be having the event in the school gymnasium which will allow for appropriate social distancing.

### Advent Class with Deacon Mark Byington



**Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and will begin with a rosary in the church with class following in the parish center.**

Classes will consist of adopting the monastic prayer life to our own lives. The first night will be, "Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton" followed by a brief discussion on Merton's impact of Christian spirituality stemming from his monastic life. Classes will continue with Word on Fires; St Augustine & St Benedict, and "One Day: The Monk's Life at the Abbey of Gethsemani". We will finish with a talk on adopting the monastic prayer life to our own lives. Please call the parish office to sign up. Appropriate social distancing and masks will be required.

### Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 am

with our Tradition of Sending Home with  
You Blessed Loaves of Bread

As you make family plans for Thanksgiving Day, please consider joining us for the **9 am mass** to give the ultimate gift of gratitude of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist.



### Women of Mary Giving Tree



The Women of Mary are again sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since the clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, we are hoping to have some Christmas presents available for them and their children before the end of November.

The tree is located in the entry of the Parish Center. You may take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item on the label, and then place the unwrapped item under the tree. The volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul will pick up the items and distribute them to their clients before Christmas.

Thanks to everyone for your support; each year you are so generous to those in need from our local community!

The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday, November 26** and **Friday, November 27** in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume normal hours of 8:00 am until 3:30 pm on **Monday, November 30.**

## Parish Ministries



In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the Angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is “the way, the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6) Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love. Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they too, often face difficulties in answering God’s call to welcome new life. Now in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic even more challenges arise. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may we work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need.

### ACTION THIS WEEK:

Fast from television or social media for a day. Instead, spend time reflecting on how God is asking you to support pregnant women in difficult situations.

OR

Pray the Rosary one day this week for all expectant mothers who are in difficult circumstances. May they be guided and inspired by the example of Mary in welcoming new life.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

For Advent to be Offered all Day Long  
**Friday, December 4**

9:00 - 10:00 am.....Fr. William Thess  
10:00 - 12:00 pm.....Fr. Tony Dattilo  
12:00 - 2:00 pm.....Fr. Mark Ebert  
2:00 - 4:00 pm .....Fr. Bill Thess  
4:00 - 6:00 pm .....Fr. James Dyer

### Advent/Anticipation Prayer

**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, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.**

## Blood Drive Knights of Columbus St Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Center  
10 North Long  
Farmington, MO 63640

**Sunday, November 22, 2020  
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**



## Bell Ringing



**Wednesdays: 9am - 7pm  
Nov. 25, Dec. 2,9,16 & 23**



United Way Bell Ringing will be at Walmart in Farmington. We will be ringing at the west door (pharmacy side). Please call Lisa in the Parish Office (756-4250) if you would like to sign up for a time slot, if you cannot make your time, or if you have questions.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary 

To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!

