

January 10th, 2016 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**We extend a warm welcome to
all who attend our church!**

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SECURING OUR FUTURE–St. Joseph Capital Campaign

As of 1/7/2016, we have received 123 pledges for a total pledge amount of \$227,200.48. Of that amount pledged, we have received \$121,499.48 in cash.

Reflections on the readings

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

Question of the Week

Have I set aside fixed time for daily prayer, morning and evening, as part of my baptismal commitment? When do I find myself praying spontaneously in the course of each day?

Ministry Schedule for Next Week

5:30PM		
Ushers –	Jim Veit & Tim Barnes	
Greeters –	Tim & Andrea Barnes	
Servers –	KNIGHTS	
Euch Min.–		
	OF	
Lector –		
Gifts –	COLUMBUS	
7:30AM		10:30AM
Ushers –	Jeff & Amy Massman	Ushers – Randy & J.T. Dodd
Greeters –	Rich & Susie Wolfmeyer	Greeters – John & Jean Buckman
Servers –	Luke & Augustine Mahsman	Servers – Ella & Chase Goldinger
Euch Min.–	SAINT	Euch Min.– D & B Goodwin, Tasha Baker
	JOSEPH	John & Cathy Fohey
Lector –	ALTAR	Lector – Ellen Goodwin
Gifts –	SOCIEY	Gifts – Grant & Joyce Hess

**Please find a replacement if you are unable to perform your assigned duty.
Meet in the Sacristy 15 minutes before Mass**



Mass Intentions For the week

Tue	8:00am	Virginia Spencer +	Confession are heard Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 7 and 10am or anytime by appointment
Fri	8:00am	Margaret Mary Wright +	
Sat	5:30pm	The Parishioners	
Sun	7:30am	Ida & Leo Massman +	
Sun	10:30am	Rocky Akright +	

**There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday or Thursday,
Fr. Alex will be in Jefferson City**

Parish Support Envelopes \$4701.00 Loose \$199.25, Seminary \$10.00, Sol of Mary \$990.00

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL We thank all parishioners who have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. So far, St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra has raised \$11,679 of their CSA goal of \$15,190, with a total of 59 parishioners participating .

2016 Donation Envelopes are now available to be picked up in the Rothweiler room. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

PLEASE PICK UP CROSSES The crosses made by Denise are ready to be picked up in the hall.

150th Anniversary Celebration Committee There is a celebration committee meeting on Tuesday Jan 19th at 6pm in Rothweiler room

Parish Council will have its monthly meeting on **January 19th at 7:30pm**. If you have any concerns, please contact one of the follow Council members:

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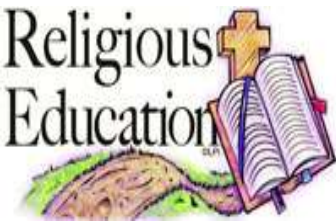
CHURCH PAINTING Starting January 11, we will begin the painting works in the church and hope to get it over by Palm Sunday. With due permission from Bishop Gaydos, all the Masses will be said in the Farischon Hall. During this period one will be able to visit the Blessed Sacrament only during office hours. Other times one will have to be satisfied with only the spiritual visit to the Blessed Sacrament, until we resume our Masses in the Church.

Again for security reasons sometime within the next two weeks we are changing the lock of the Farischon Hall. At present there are some keys which were issued to some people and never returned. If those keys fall into wrong hands then we will be in trouble. Anyone who really needs a key should return the old key and get the new key. This will help us update our record of who has keys.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY For this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Bishop Gaydos has de-signated five church as pilgrimage sites at which there will be a Holy Door of Mercy and the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee. Those churches are 1. *The Cathedral of St. Joseph*; 2. *The Church of St. Peter* in Brush Creek (where Fr. Augustine Tolton was baptized, whose cause for canonization is in process); 3. *St. Joseph in Edina*; 4. *The church of St. Patrick in Laurie* in honor of the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church (at the lake of the Ozarks) 5. *The shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows* in Starkeburg. You are all encouraged to make a pilgrimage to receive the Lord's mercy and to share that mercy with others

Severe Storm Appeal: Archbishop Kurtz, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has encouraged every diocese in the United States to take up a special collection for the humanitarian and Church needs of those who are suffering from the devastation of recent severe storms and disasters in the Midwest and South. Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church will administer the relief. For information see, www.catholiccharities.org and www.usccb.org. **Next week** we will take a second collection for the Severe Storm Appeal.

NEW CLOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANN'S HEALTH CENTER IN LUREG AND OTHER PLACES IN INDIA In honor of your children, grandchildren, or just a loved one, consider donating a new outfit this New Years. We are filling a suitcase full of new clothing (children ages 1 to 12yrs) to take with us to India on January 26, 2016. Please place your donation in the church entry by Sunday January 24, 2016. Keep in mind that females only wear dresses & that the weather can get as low as 40F. Also cash donations are needed to cover shipping expenses. Any questions about this effort contact Lisa Leake 573-248-7649. In the spirit of giving let's reach out to our neighbors in India. Thank you Lisa & Deacon Bob



Confirmation Classes There is Confirmation January 10th at 8:45-10:15am.

CCD Class There is CCD January 10th at 9:15-10:15am.

There will be no CDD or Confirmation classes Jan. 17th due to Martin Luther King Day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP In January we will be having Middle School Youth Group on the 2nd and 4th Sunday due to High School

Retreats on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in January.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH There will be Youth Group January 10th at 6:30-8pm. There is also a TEC in Quincy over Martin Luther King weekend.

Prayer Requests

Pray for one another

† Penny Larensen, Dick Moylan, Clarice Faharai, Rosemary Westfallen, Vincent Westfallen, Vicky Lucas, Bradley Tierney and his family, Audrey Neeley, Jean Harrison, Greg Harrison, Denise Whelan, Linda Hirner, Jim Cissna, Mary Brown, Bob Rupp, Laura Russell, Bob Wolfmeyer, Dwayne Goodwin, and Ellen Goodwin.

The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for January

† **Universal:** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

† **Evangelization:** For Christian Unity, that by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Please pray for those with birthdays this week:

Alfred Jones January 11 Doug Hoerr January 13 Chris Wilt January 16
Tyler Jones January 11 Gerald Bunten January 14 Tammy Browning January 17
Cathy Akright January 13

Deadline to have announcements in the bulletin is Wednesday by 3 pm