

November 26th, 2017 Solemnity of our Lord, Christ the King

SECURING OUR FUTURE – St. Joseph Capital Campaign

Total pledged \$247,705.00
Received as of 11/16/2017 \$225,726



Reflections
on the
Readings

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and

compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -. How will I make the transforming work of God, of which Mary sings in her canticle, come true?

November 27th-Mass at 6:30 p.m.

November 28th-Parish Council 6:30 p.m.

December 3rd-1st Sunday Adoration from 11:30 a.m. -5 p.m.



Saint Joseph
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Information

P.O. Box 606, 400 S. Lane,
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Office 769-3270

**For marriage preparation, contact
Father at least six months in advance**

**For Baptism preparation, if you are expecting or
need information about Baptism. Classes will be
offered only once a quarter. Please contact
Father or office ASAP**

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Mass Intentions

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| Mon | 6:30 p.m. | Thelma Gervais |
| Tue | 8:00 a.m. | Linda Hirner |
| Wed | 8:00 a.m. | Ed Obert |
| Friday | 10:00 a.m. | Elizabeth Ray |
| Sat | 5:30 p.m. | Parishoners |
| Sun | 7:30 a.m. | Marvin Wright |
| Sun | 10:30 a.m. | Rocky Akright |

Confessions are
heard Saturday at
5pm; Sunday at 7am
and 10am or
anytime by
appointment

Parish Support Envelopes \$5246.06, Loose money \$288, Children's Collection \$50
All Saints \$276, Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$1020

Music Practice for Christmas Masses - Adults: St. Joseph Choir is looking for singers and musicians to participate in the Christmas Eve and/or Christmas morning masses. Christmas Eve masses are 4:00 p.m. (Youth Mass) and 10:00 p.m. Music will start 30 minutes before mass. Christmas Day mass is 7:00a.m Practice Schedule: Sunday, Nov. 26th – 8:30-10 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 29th – 6:30-8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 3rd – 8:30-10 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9th – 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13th – 6:30-8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 17th – 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20th – 6:30-8 p.m. Please contact Pauline Jones at 573-769-3576 (Home) 573-248-7751 (Cell) or Susan Chambers at 573-822-5784 (Cell)

Children: music practice for children who are participating in the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve practices will be held on December 3rd, 10th, & 17th from 8:30a.m. to 9:15am before CCD classes



CSA 2018 So far, Saint Joseph Parish, Palmyra has raised \$5563 of your parish goal of \$15,000, with a total of 34 parishioners participating. Thank you to all who have donated!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development. -Thank you for your generosity for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

Altar Society's Christmas Party All ladies of St. Joseph, are invited to attend on Wednesday, December 6th, at HATS. Social time begins at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00. Cost is \$10 per person. \$5 for the meal, \$5 for the Adopt A Family Program. To know how many to plan for, there is a Sign Up sheet by the front doors of the church. Please plan to attend and enjoy this time of good food, fun and fellowship. ***Reservations are due by December 1st.***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY The K of C council 1937 Christmas Supper is Dec. 12th at the Msgr. Farischon Hall. Social time begins at 6pm and the dinner at 6:30. Invitees: Knights of Columbus members, spouses, widows and girlfriends. If you have any questions, call David Hastings 660-679-1276. Sign-up sheet is in church.



Advent Study – The website FORMED has just introduced an Advent Study which will replace the Bible Study on the Eucharist on Monday night. The Advent Study will begin at 7:15 p.m. this Monday, November 20th following the Monday evening mass, and will conclude December 11th. Participant guides will be available. Anyone in the parish is invited to attend or you may do this on your own or in small groups. You can

access the program by logging in at www.Formed.org and enter the Parish Code. Slips with this information on it are in the entryway of the church. For more information call Pauline Jones at 573-248-7751 or 769-3576.

PAMA ADVENT STUDY Every year the Ministerial Alliance sponsors an Advent study on all the Wednesdays of Advent at 12:05pm. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch to the hosting church, drink and desert will be provided. The following is a list of the churches:

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| Nov 29 | First Assembly | Dec 6 | Methodist |
| Dec 13 | First Baptist | Dec 20 | Catholic |

The Faith Based Health Ministry Network (a program sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri) will sponsor a parish nursing course in spring, 2018. Date/time to be announced. If interested, please contact Susan Devaney~ 573 696 1424~ devaney.susan@gmail.com.

First Sunday Adoration Our First Sunday of Adoration will be December 3rd. We will begin after the 10:30 Mass and end with Benediction at 5 pm. The sign-up sheet is in church so please sign up this weekend. When you come in on Sunday for adoration there will be a sheet for people to sign in and sign out. Please fill this out whether you are there for 5 minutes or an hour. We would like an accurate count on attendance. Please bring your cellphones so if you have an emergency or get sick or if the person for the next hour does not make it so you can call an alternate. Alternates are at the bottom of the sign-up sheet in the binder.

Be a Soldier for the Corporal Works of Mercy



This month we are collecting:

➤ **health and beauty aids** (toothpaste, deodorant, body soap, bar soap, etc.?)

Please put your donations in the box provided in church

Remember the holidays - non perishable items for holiday meals would be appreciated. Also the Food Pantry accepts clothing (and toys) and this time of year could always take coats, gloves and boots for baby - adult.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- † CCD Pre K/8th Grade-November 26th-No Class
December 3rd-Class
December 10th Class/Youth
Mass
- † Confirmation- - - - - November 26th-Class
December 10th-Class/Youth
Mass

YOUTH GROUP-

High School and Middle School Youth Group- will meet on December 6th (Early Out from School)

From 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m. This will be a fun day of decorating/baking/gift making. Please contact Cathy Fohey if you have questions.

High School Youth Group-December 3rd from 11:30 a.m.

To 1 p.m. at the hall Lunch will be served



Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date - December 10th Advent Party following 10:30 a.m. Youth Mass for all parishioners of the church. Watch for Details in the bulletin/facebook/ and emails

*****If you or a family member are in the hospital FOR ANY REASON please call Fr. Basil or the office. Fr. B would like to know the hospital and room number so he can visit and/or pray for you.**

Prayer Request-If you have a request for prayer please contact Fr. B, Dcn Bob, Main Office, Youth Office. Email/Phone #s have been listed in the bulletin and our on the parish website. You can also fill out the **Prayer Request form** located in the church entrance and place it in the collection basket or return to the church office.



Jean Harrison, Greg Harrison, Janet Schwartz, Florence Fohey, Bonnie Slates, Ellen & Dwayne Goodwin, Dee Gottman, Martha & Herman Hudson, Beverly Bunten, Mary Kempf, JT Dodd, Sherry Eston, Roberta Begley, Susie Ruhl, Tom Bell, Rick Jones, Barb Merkel, David Miles, Bob Wolfmeyer, Special Intention, Troy Disselhorst, Jason Lee Lage, Ruth Ann Wright and Jack O'Heren.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November 2017

- † That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Please pray for those with birthdays this week:

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| Mac Hoerr · · · · November 26 | Colby Happekotte · November 29 | William Wigle · · · · November 30 |
| John Bunten · · · November 27 | Cheryl Hirner · · · November 30 | Wyatt Foster · · · · November 30 |
| Norma Obert · · · November 28 | Annie Jones · · · · November 30 | Roxanne Buckwalter · December 1 |
| Janice Kroeger · · November 29 | Leslie Bemis · · · · November 30 | Landon Merkel · · · · December 1 |

Parish Council will have its monthly meeting on **November 28th, at 6:30pm.**

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Deadline for announcements in the bulletin is Wednesday at 3pm



INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Christian Stewardship: *Putting the Eucharist Into Action*



We live in anxious times. Even while regularly celebrating the joy of the Eucharist, we remain mindful of the pain and suffering in our world. In such a troubled world, Catholics often question how they can respond to the daily challenges and opportunities laid out before them with a sense of gratitude, joy and confidence, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They wonder how they can put the Eucharist into action today.

The answer to both questions is to embrace a better understanding of our lives as Christian stewards.

The mystery of the Eucharist celebrates change. We rejoice in God the Father, transforming His Son's suffering and death into the victory of new life and resurrection. We celebrate transformation as our gifts of bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of the Lord. The whole Christian life of stewardship gives us reason to hope and work for change as well — in ourselves, in the Church and in our world.

Stewardship always involves conversion — a change of mind and heart, something that cannot be expressed in one single action, but in a whole way of living. Stewardship offers us a way to re-focus our energy

and provides an opportunity to face today's challenges.

The re-discovery of stewardship as an ancient New Testament teaching is one of the good news stories in our Catholic life of faith. Catholics in increasing numbers are being introduced to the message of stewardship and are studying how this concept informs their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. As Saint Paul writes: "We are servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1).

As stewards, we understand that a grace-filled potential dwells within each of us that is constantly open to conversion and responsive to the love of God. Also within every human heart, the mystery of God lays dormant, waiting to be awakened by our words, our example or our actions.

As individuals, we have power we do not realize. Even our generous acts have power. Like the poor widow whom Jesus esteemed for placing two seemingly insignificant coins in the temple offertory, we have the power to build our community of faith through our generosity. Today, the witness to this power is most evident in those communities of faith that profess and practice stewardship.

What we learn from Christian stewardship is that we have an openness to change and respond, to let ourselves be new persons. As stewards, we recognize that all is gift, all is grace, and all things manifest the mystery of God's presence. Once we come to this conclusion, then we are more fully able to live the rest of our days in gratitude by celebrating and becoming Eucharistic people. Our work of stewardship is ultimately our way of saying thanks to God; our way of putting the Eucharist into action.



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