

St Joseph Parish

NEWSLETTER

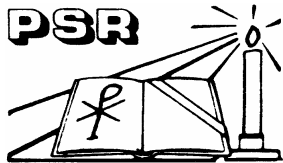
JULY 2004

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR WALTER....

This year for the first time in many years, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in our own church rather than the Cathedral. With our large number of candidates for Confirmation (267), it was necessary to celebrate Confirmation on two different evenings. Church was reasonably full each evening and many expressed their happiness that the celebration was so well done and that everyone could see and feel a part. With that in mind, we will again request Confirmation be celebrated at St. Joseph parish next year as well.

We have just completed the second year of our three year pledge drive toward building of our classroom/cafeteria addition. Please keep up your good effort toward completing your pledged amount. If you are new to the parish or have not been able to give in the past, we welcome any gift large or small. Place your building fund gift in the green envelopes provided in your packet of envelopes. Your sacrificial giving is always appreciated.

As an update on construction, we still plan to remodel and bring up to code the old school building. We delayed this part of the total construction project in order to keep the outstanding loan for Church, Parish Center, and classroom/cafeteria addition under \$5,000,000. Work on that end of the building will begin later this summer. A faculty room, nurses station, small offices, remedial spaces, and improved restroom facilities will be provided on the lower level; the stairwell on the Motherhead end of the building will be enclosed to meet fire code with a handicapped lift provided. With everyone's help, we will be able to finish the planned improvements and see the loan gradually diminish in future years.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PSR TEACHER?

What does it take to become a PSR teacher?

It takes a willingness to share God's word and a love of children.

Do I need a college degree or religious training?

No! You do not need a college degree or any special religious training. We offer training for individuals interested in teaching PSR. Of course, if you have a college degree or have had Paul VI classes or equivalent, we would welcome your expertise.

How much time does preparation take?

Lesson preparation should take approximately 2 hours per week. You need to prepare a lesson plan, activity planning and familiarizing yourself with the lesson. Our teachers' manual is helpful along with resource materials available to assist you in lesson planning.

Do I have a support staff for problems and questions?

Yes! Every grade has a team leader who will help mentor you in your first year. Also, other teachers at your grade level are a valuable resource and have practical hands-on ideas. As always, the administration staff is available to support you, answer questions, and provide you with additional resources.

How do I find out more information?

Simply call 441-0055 ext. 301. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have regarding teaching PSR. We are looking for teachers at most grade levels and various times. We have 4 sessions: Monday or Wednesday evenings 5:00 to 6:15pm or 7:00 to 8:15pm. You can choose to teach 1 or more session(s).

Thank you for your interest and I hope to hear from you soon.

Laura Weinzirl, Coordinator of Religious Education – PSR

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC

July 9th, 10th, and 11th

WIN a NEW 2004 White Dodge Intrepid



INTREPID PHOTOS

*It's time to think about the PICNIC
Mark your Calendars!*

Don't forget to sell or donate the 5 tickets mailed for the CAR RAFFLE. Drop the tickets and money in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. It has been a Huge success in past years. Ticket sales are available after all masses. The car is available for viewing. Only \$10.00 per ticket.

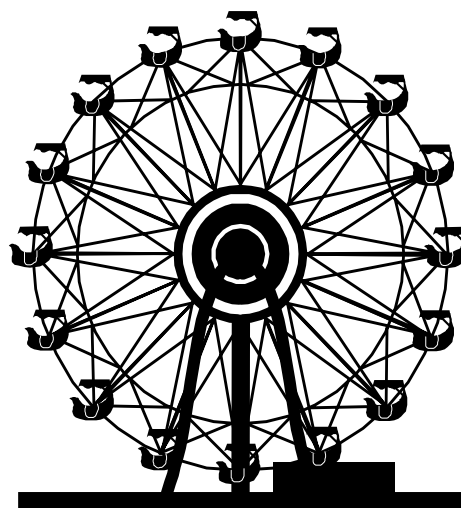
Contact:
Sheila McDonough 926-0062
Kevin Lyons 926-9929
Provided by: Zeiser Dodge &
Stygar Funeral Homes

VOLUNTEERS: We need everyone's help to make the Picnic a success. This is a great way, especially for those new to our Parish, to meet your fellow Parishioners while having fun. It's also a great opportunity for your teen to get some service hours. Sign-Up's are available after all Masses.
Contact: Nancy Lyons: 926-9929/Michelle Pflieger 447-3460

ARMBANDS will be sold after masses
3 days unlimited riding for \$35.00
These are *not* available for purchase on the Picnic Weekend.
You must purchase them in advance.
Contact: Jan Rocco 928-0743
Michelle Pflieger 447-3460

HOT OFF THE PRESS! "AUCTION INFORMATION":
We will have the **SILENT AUCTION** on Sunday **PLUS** Back by popular demand an **ORAL AUCTION** will be held on Saturday night *under the Big Tent*. **Don't Miss this!!!!**
www.stjoecot.org and click on organizations & Picnic.

RIDES—Live Music—CAR RAFFLE	
Quilts—GAMES—Booths	
\$1000 RAFFLE—Car Show—BBQ	
St. Joe's Bands— <i>FANTASY</i>	
\$100 drawings—BINGO—Chicken Dinners	
ORAL AUCTION: Saturday Night	
SILENT AUCTION: Sunday	
FRIDAY	7 pm—11 pm
SATURDAY	Noon—11 pm
SUNDAY	Noon—6 pm



RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for adults;

- wanting to know more about the Catholic Church
- seeking Baptism
- seeking First Holy Communion
- seeking Confirmation
- desiring a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community

The RCIA process will meet each Tuesday evening 7:30-9:30pm from September 7, 2004 through May 3, 2005.

This is an informal and friendly group of people from many different religious backgrounds. Some people will come simply to learn more about the Catholic Church. Some people will come with the distinct intention to become a member of the Catholic Church. Many parishioners will assist the group as together we grow in our faith and our relationship with one another.

The following meetings are planned to provide the opportunity to ask questions about the RCIA process.

RCIA Inquiry Meetings

Wednesday – July 7,

or

Tuesday – August 10,

At 7:30pm., in the Saint Joseph Room

(Off the gathering area of church)

Parishioners are asked to:

- pray for those considering taking this journey of faith
- offer the invitation personally to friends and relatives
- consider being a faith-partner or sponsor
- be a witness to your Catholic tradition so others will be inspired to seek information about the faith.

Questions about the meeting or information about RCIA?

Call

Dr. Barbara Blackburn

Parish Office of Religious Education

636-441-0055 Ext. 104



BAPTISM

Claire Elizabeth **Albrecht**, daughter of Douglas & Jennifer

Laura Grace **Barfield**, daughter of Edward and Karen

Morgan Elizabeth **Bauer**, daughter of Timothy & Lisa

Brooke Victorai-Laurel **Connors**, daughter of Patrick & Leslie

Aaron Tyler **Donnelly**, son of Aaron & Marie

Paige Marie **Drummond**, daughter of Kurt & Margaret

Gabrielle Victoria **Hellmann**, daughter of Joshua & Ann

Zoe Lynne **Houston**, daughter of Mark & Lorri

Samantha Mae **Kelley**, daughter of Kevin & Laura

Alina Elizabeth **Kohout**, daughter of Joseph & Dina

Kiya Lee **Kolb**, daughter of Kenneth & Julie

Rachel Mae **Kreith**, daughter of Gregory & Dana

Gabrielle Eileen **Lewis**, daughter of Ryan & Angela

Payton Melody **McCormick**, daughter of Christopher & Stephanie

Samuel Michael **Ptasienski**, son of Kevin & Lisa

Caitlyn Giuliana **Songco**, daughter of Francis & Maria

Alexander Justin **Topping**, son of David & Teri

Madison Elise **Yancey**, daughter of Shawn & Cynthia

Alyssa Lauren **Yelton**, daughter of Darin & Colleen

Welcome To Our Parish

Arendt , Ken & Mary, Julie, Dan, Tommy 617 Woodbriar Lane (63376)	441-2818	Leassner , Stephen & Michelle, Hailey 228 Hunters Pointe (Hunters Pointe)	928-4364
Baird , Jr, Rob & Lynne, Maiah, Emily 481 Bellingham Ct (Monticello)	300-1272	Martin , Leanne, Britney, Kelli, Ryan 811 Haversham Dr Harvest Estates	922-2104
Bargen , Matt & Tammy, Ned, Laney 5801 Walnutcreek Blvd (Walnut Creek)	Unlisted	McGarrahan , Keith & Annette, Kate 416 Jacobs Place Dr (Avondale Heights)	None
Coalson , Thomas & Cindy, Sarah 407 Kimberly Lane (63376)	397-5740	Norfleet , Matt & Rebecca 24 Broomsedge (Somerset Hills)	441-8912
Coffin , Larry & Pat, Michael, Kristy 19 Winding Stairway (63366)	240-9135	Seep , Lisa, Hillary 109 Clear Creek Dr (63366)	294-2471
Gaeschke , Jim & Carrie, Ryan, Connor 5698 Wrenwuck Place (Wrenwyck)	None	Tocco , Tony & Diane, Ryan, A J 790 Meadow Cliff Dr (Bluff Meadows)	936-2737
Gerdes , Jr, Jim & Teresa, Libby, J T 24 Sugar Mill Ct (Wellington Farms)	300-4777	Umbeck , Steve & Sonya, Shelby, Sydney 4312 Austin Pass Ct (Austin Ridge)	936-8850
Guerrein , Paul & Kathleen, Brigid, Quinn 1408 Wilkesboro Dr (63304)	329-0518	Unnerstall , John & Susan, Maggie 220 Woodmere Way Ct (Woodmere)	936-1189
Haffner , Andrew 600 Breeze Park Dr Apt 324 (The Gables)	329-1842	Weber , Don & Pam, Melissa, Steph 3 Overland Trail Ct (63304)	441-0203
Harkin , Vinny & Michelle, Gemma 64 Fairmount Ct (Monticello)	Unlisted		

We are at a very critical time in the history of the United States. So many injustices are happening, this is not Gods' will. Let us not give up the gifts our forefathers have struggled to give us, freedom of religion and all men are created equal.

We take many things for granted because we have it so good in this country compared to others, please pray for our country daily, study the candidates and their beliefs, the proposals and vote to the best of your ability.

"God Bless America" Prayer

God, Our Father, Giver of Life,
we entrust the U.S.A. to Your care.

You are the Rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone, are the True Source of our cherished
rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell
among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our
nations leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human
life and the responsibilities that accompany
human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is
rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of Our Land,
grant us the courage to resist the culture of death.

Lead us into a new Millennium of Life.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

(submitted by Clarabel Lacey)



DONATIONS OF STOCKS ARE SIMPLE & MAKE A WONDERFUL PLANNED GIFT

Direct gifts of stocks, mutual funds and other assets are simple for donors to make and can be very beneficial gifts for both the charity and the donor. Donors can designate a stock donation as an immediate gift *OR* use the donation to establish a life-benefit gift such as a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Remainder Trust.

By making a Direct Gift of Appreciated Assets to a charity, the donor:

- ▶ Receives a charitable income tax deduction for the Full Market Value of the investment on the transfer date...*not just the original cost of the asset.*
- ▶ Avoids paying capital gains on the difference between the original cost and the current market value of the asset...the “*paper profit*”.

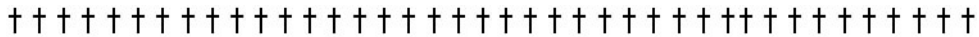
Please Note: stocks that have Increased in value, the donor must give the stock directly to the charity to realize these benefits. If they sell the stock themselves and give the proceeds to the charity; they will be responsible for paying the appropriate capital gains taxes on the profits first.

According to a recent study by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, donors who sold shares of stock and then gave the proceeds to charity paid more than \$500 million dollars in taxes that could have gone to their chosen charities had the gifts of stock been made directly to the charity instead.

The donation process is very simple. The donor merely instructs their broker to transfer the desired shares of stock to the Archdiocesan account at Smith, Moore & Company and designate the particular parish, school or agency that is to receive the gift. The stock will be liquidated on the day of transfer to the Archdiocese and the funds deposited into the restricted account of the designated parish or organization.

Gifts of stock that have depreciated in value can be significantly advantageous for a donor. For shares of stock that have decreased in value, a donor would sell the shares and donate the cash proceeds...instead of giving the stock directly to the charity. By selling the stock the donor can deduct the loss from their capital gains income for the year AND still take a charitable tax deduction for the amount of the gift...*depending on the particular situation, the combined tax savings could be worth more to the donor than the value of the investment.*

If anyone would like additional information please contact Mr. John Lenzini at 314 792-7214 or Deacon Gary in the Parish Center at 441-0055 ext. 134.



Calling Moms Of All Ages!

M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing)

Bring the companionship of other women into your busy life as a mother!

Take a few hours each week during this eight-week session to develop a greater awareness of your own spirituality as a mother, and to appreciate the ministry of your motherhood!

There will be a morning session beginning Wednesday September 15 from 9:15–11:15am (childcare is provided), and an evening session beginning Thursday, September 16 from 7:00 – 9:00pm.

A \$45.00 registration fee covers all materials.

Please join us for an Informational Evening on July 22 at 7:30pm in the St. Joseph Room to explore what M.O.M.S. is all about!

Please call Elaine Yanak at 922-2744 or Michelle Wansing at 300-1461 with questions.



M.O.M.S. Registration Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Email _____ \$45.00 fee included _____

Checks can be payable to St. Joseph Parish and sent to the Parish Center, 1355 Motherhead Road, St. Charles, MO 63304

<u>Prayer Sponsors Needed</u>
M.O.M.S. Small Church Community needs mothers to pray for M.O.M.S. participants.
Please call: Julie Isaak at 300 - 9496





CATARACTS

Author Brenda Ueland once said, "We all start our lives as little children, full of sight and the clearest vision." Unfortunately, for most of us, clear vision clouds as we age and frequently that cloudy vision is due to cataracts. Cataracts are quite common. John Ciccone of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery states that, "If you live long enough, it's likely you'll get them." One half of all Americans over the age of 80 either has had a cataract or has had cataract surgery.

A cataract occurs when the lens of the eye, which is normally transparent, becomes cloudy. The lens is the portion of the eye that is located just behind the iris, or the colored part of the eye. Light passes through the lens to be focused on the retina. A cataract can form in one eye or both eyes but they cannot spread from one eye to the other. Changes on the lens of the eye are often part of the aging process but they do not necessarily lead to cataracts. Cataracts are most often caused by aging, exposure to ultraviolet light, injury to the eye, eye disease, certain medications, or diabetes.

Cataracts can cause foggy, fuzzy, or cloudy vision. Colors may seem faded or you might notice a "tobacco-like tint" to colors. Headlights, lamps, or sunlight may appear too bright and a halo may appear around lights. Driving at night may prove difficult because of the severe glare of oncoming headlights. You may need frequent changes to your eyeglass prescription and you may experience double vision or "second sight," which is a temporary improvement in near vision in farsighted people.

Cataracts can be diagnosed by a comprehensive eye exam and medical history. Further testing may be conducted to confirm the presence of a cataract or to rule out other conditions and to learn more about the health of your eye.

Cataracts cannot be "cured." There are no dietary supplements or medications that will eliminate cataracts. Surgery is the only effective treatment for vision loss due to a cataract; however, the symptoms of an early cataract may be improved with new eyeglasses, brighter lighting, anti-glare sunglasses, or magnifying lenses. Many people may be able to delay or avoid surgery by treating the symptoms if their vision loss is slow or does not become severe. A cataract only needs to be removed when vision loss interferes with your everyday activities, such as reading, driving or watching TV.

Surgery, if needed, involves removing the cloudy lens of the eye and replacing it with an artificial lens called an intra ocular lens (IOL). The IOL is a clear, plastic lens that becomes a permanent part of your eye and functions the same as the lens that was removed. You will not feel or see the IOL. If you have cataracts in both eyes that require surgery, the surgery will be performed on each eye separately, usually 1 to 2 months apart. Cataract surgery is one of the most common operations performed in the United States. In about 90 percent of cases, people report better vision after the surgery.

After surgery, you may return to many of your everyday activities quickly. Your vision may be blurry because your healing eye needs time to adjust so that it can focus properly with the other eye. Colors may seem brighter and you may need a new prescription for your eyeglasses.

There are some steps that you can take to help delay the formation of cataracts. Those steps include wearing sunglasses and a hat with a brim to block ultraviolet sunlight, stopping smoking and eating a nutritious diet full of green leafy vegetables, fruit and other foods high in antioxidants. If you are 60 or older, you should have an eye exam every 2 years.

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**VIP CALENDAR
OF EVENTS
July 16, - 6:30pm
Picnic Dinner (Potluck)**

THINGS I'M THANKFUL FOR - DOCTORS!

We are certainly blessed in this day and age to have wonderful, skilled, caring physicians to take care of us when we're sick. Having the ability and wisdom to heal is definitely a calling. Thanks all you doctors out there! You are definitely following in Jesus' footsteps when you tend to your flock.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL



"Lord hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

A1C Rebecca **Ambrose**, USAF, Germany

Lt Col Thomas **Bailey**, USAF, OH

Amn Audrey **Barks**, USAF, TX

PFC David **Bauer**, USA, Germany

SSgt Roger **Bell Jr.**, USAF, MO

SGT Anthony **Bryan**, USA, MO

PVT Michael **Brodeur**, USMC, AZ

PV1 Matthew **Brown**, USA, Middle East

Sgt William **Brown**, , Middle East

PV2 William **Byler**, USA, Middle East

SSgt Rob **Clancy**, USAF, TX

LT Tom **Cowell**, USCG, FL

PFC Joshua **Crisostome**, USA, Middle East

Capt Chris **Curry**, USA, GA

SPC John **Deschambault**, USA, TX

PFC Rolland **Deschambault**, USA, Middle East

PFC Kyle **Detrick**, USA, Korea

A1C Megan **Driscoll**, USAF, MO

SSgt Micheal **Durbin Jr.**, USAF, MO

Lt. Ben **Ernst**, M.D. USN, MD

PFC Andrew **Eggebrecht**, USMC, CA

LCpl Dave **Fulkerson**, USMC, Middle East

MAJ Dwight **Grose**, USA, MO

Lt. Joanne **Groth**, USN, MD

MSgt Robert **Gunlach**, USAF,

PV1 Sean **Hagan**, USA, GA

A1C Nathan **Hanks**, USAF, Middle Eaast

TSgt James **Hansell**, USAF, Japan

CPT Jered **Helwig**, USA, Germany

Cpl Marc **Johnson**, USA, NC

Bradley **Kalk**, USA, Middle East

Christopher **Kalk**, USA, Middle East

Daniel **Kalk**, USA, Middle East

LTC Philip **Kaiser**, USA, SC

SSG Joseph **Kloepfel**, USA, Afghanistan

Lt Col John **Krause**, USAF, Middle East

SKC Deborah **Krieger**, USNR - Active

SK2 John **Krieger**, USNR

SR Eric **Labath**, USN, Hawaii

PFC Andrew **Lawson**, USA, NC

LCpl Chris **Lehmuth**, USMC, Kuwait

Lt Col Mark **Lewandowski**, USAF, Middle East

W04 Terrell **McCandrew**, USMC, Middle East

Lt Col Linda **Meyer**, USAF, Middle East

Cpl William **Miller**, USMC, Middle East

PFC Anthony **Mocca**, USA, MO

SR Michael Morris, USN, VA

SFC Morgan **Morrow**, USA

SFC Clay **Morrow**, USA

FC1 William **Mossinghoff**, USN, CA

SGT Ryan **Newlon**, USA, WA

LT Matthew **Nischwitz**, USA, Middle East

A1C Joy **Olwig**, USAF, TX

A1C Michael **Olwig**, USAF, TX

SR Damian T **Owens**, USN, CA

A1C Michael **Pepper**, USAF, Germany

Lt Theresa **Price**, USAF, England

SGT Benjamin **Roos**, USA, KY

PVT Edward **Russo**, USA, KY

SGT John P **Ruyle**, USA, Middle East

PO1 Benjamin **Sanders**, USCG, MO

Lt. Joe **Scott**, USN, MD

ABH Austin **Sharp**, USN, WA

SGT Matthew **Sims**, USA, Germany

Sgt Sean **Sitek**, USMC, Japan

Lt. Lynne **Strauser**, USN, CA

PFC Jeremy **Striebel**, USA, Middle East

PFC Jonathon **Striebel**, USA, FL

Cpl Jason **Taylor**, USMC,

SFC Danny **Tenholder**, USA, KY

Sgt Jeffrey Scott **Verrett**, USMC, Afghanistan

Jenny **Viers**, USAF, Japan

AO3 Jessica **Weber**, USN, CA

LCpl Dave **Wilkerson**, USMC, Middle East

Steven **Winingham II**, USN, VA

Sgt Tyson **Wilhelm**, USAF, FL

LTC Joey **Wyte**, USA, VA

LCpl J. C. **Yingling**, USMC, CA