



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish

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WELCOME to all who have come to worship and pray with us. We're glad you're here! Please fill out a visitor card. They are found at each of the church entrances.

WEEKEND MASSES

6PM Saturday

10:30AM Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:15AM Wednesday & Friday

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Some of our Masses are live-streamed on the church's Facebook page, SS Peter & Paul Church — Boonville, Mo.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is generally offered 30 minutes prior to Mass unless otherwise announced and by appointment.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

9AM Saturday

Father Mark Smith, Pastor

.....pastor@ssppparish.net

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Prison Ministry; Marriage Prep

.....(660) 888-6827

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Pastoral Council Chairperson

.....kelschuster@gmail.com

FLOCKNOTE Text SSPPBV to 84576 to receive occasional communications from the parish.

ST. JOSEPH, PILOT GROVE

Father Mark is also the pastor at St. Joseph, Pilot Grove. Mass times are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:05 a.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Contact the St. Joseph office at 660-834-5600.

DECEMBER 10, 2023



First Reading: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading: We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel: John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free. It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors .

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 9

6PM: Francis Youngblunt

SUNDAY, December 10

10:30AM: Edwin Kammerich

WEDNESDAY, December 13

8:15AM: Ray Twenter

FRIDAY, December 15

8:15AM: Gary Vollmer

SATURDAY, December 16

6PM: People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 17

10:30AM: EJ Kopine

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Nov. 18 & 19 Collections:

\$8,569.80

Nov. 25 & 26 Collections:

\$10,562.71

YTD Total: \$371,749.13

The collection total includes what was given at church. The YTD total includes what was given at church, online, and by ACH. We are grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. Thank you.

DECEMBER MASS COUNTS

DATES	6PM	10:30 AM
Dec. 2 & 3	181	225
Dec. 9 & 10		
Dec. 16 & 17		
Dec. 23 & 24		
Dec. 24 5 & 8PM		
Dec. 25, 10AM		
Dec. 30 & 31		

Cares Collection Donations

Because regular donations to the parish and donations to the Cares Fund are kept in separate bank accounts, it's helpful if those donations are made separately and not as one check.

Thank you for your help with this!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps

85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps

145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



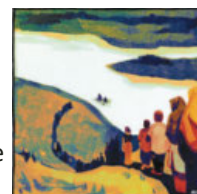
Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention for our Local Church: "For the family, that all fathers, mothers, and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity."



The Pope's December Prayer Intention for Persons with Disabilities: "We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation."

SPIRITUAL HOMEWORK: QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?



Second Reading: Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?

Gospel: Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?

Mass Ministry Volunteers

December Altar Linens: Marilyn Vanderfeltz

Altar Angels Church Cleaning Team: Brent & Janell Drummond, Tim & Betty Edwards, Richard & Mandy Eichelberger

Parish families with school-aged children are assigned each week to clean the church. The first family listed is the Team Coordinator.

You will receive a text prior to your assignment with instructions. Thank you for your stewardship to our parish family!

	Sacristan	Coordinator	Lector	Offertory	Servers	Greeters/Ushers	Musicians	Money Counters
Saturday, December 16 6 p.m.	Scott Thomas	Jill Campbell	Janet Thompson	Reimund Family	Emily & Luke Cowherd Teel Kenney	Don Campbell Marilyn & Jillian Kenney	Guitar Group	Team 3 Troy & Kim Waller Mike & Sharon Ivy
Sunday, December 17 10:30 a.m.	Isabel Alvizo	Allison Drummond	Abby Martin	Mike & Brea James	Joshua & Isabella Jones Jack Murphy	Danny & Tyler Wassmann Larry Jones	Jesse, Brent, Lillian, Allison	

Please find someone to substitute for you if you are unable to fulfill your ministry. Sub lists can be found online at: tinyurl.com/5n78w677. Thank you for all you do to keep our liturgy reverent!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.:** Perpetual Help Devotion, church
- **Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-6 p.m.:** church hall rented
- **Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 9 & 10:** Dofl sells Lucky Draw tickets after the Masses. Scrip and Giving Tree gifts are due to church. Men's Group will speak after the Masses.
- **Sunday, Dec. 10, 12 noon:** OCIA after Mass, parish office basement
- **Sunday, Dec. 10, 12 noon:** Dofl Christmas party, church hall
- **Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.:** Youth group meets, parish office basement
- **Monday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m.:** Legion of Mary, parish office basement
- **Monday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.:** Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at church
- **Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.:** Christian Ed Commission meeting, parish office
- **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6-7 p.m.:** Ruth & Russell's small group meets, church hall
- **Thursday, Dec. 14, 6-7:30 p.m.:** Food pantry distribution, 509 E. Water St.
- **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.:** Men's Group, parish office basement
- **Thursday, Dec. 13:** December 24 bulletin due
- **Saturday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m.:** Perpetual Help Devotion, church
- **Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 16 & 17:** Scrip will be sold after Mass. The Religious Articles case will be open.
- **Monday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m.:** Legion of Mary, parish office basement
- **Monday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.:** Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at church
- **Tuesday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.:** Bible study, church hall
- **Tuesday, Dec. 19, 6 p.m.:** Ministerial Alliance Christmas Service, church
- **Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m.:** SSPP School Christmas program rehearsal, school gym
- **Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6-7 p.m.:** Ruth & Russell's small group meets, church hall
- **Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m.:** Penance Service at St. Joseph, Pilot Grove

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Howard Gerke, 73 of Pilot Grove**, who passed away December 1, 2023. *"May the souls of your faithful departed, through Your mercy Oh God, rest in peace, and may their families and friends receive comfort from the Lord."*

If you didn't have a chance to buy your 50th anniversary commemorative items from the Turkey Dinner, there are still some available in the parish office. Magnets are \$2, pot-holders are \$7, dish towels are \$12, and aprons are \$13. They'd make great Christmas gifts!



We will decorate the church for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17. Everyone is invited to help! Father Mark is also hosting an open house at the rectory after Mass. Please bring a dish to share!

Advent Penance Services

SUNDAY, DEC. 17, SEDALIA, 4 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20, PILOT GROVE, 7 P.M.

Note: In Boonville, Father Mark is available for Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to all Masses with the occasional exception of the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Confessions may also be scheduled by appointment. 660-882-6468.

"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father." ~ Pope Francis

This year the Solemnity of Christmas falls on a Monday and is a holyday of obligation. All the faithful are obligated to participate in two Masses, from the anticipated Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening Dec. 23 through the evening of Dec. 25. In the "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," no. 34 states, "The Vigil Mass of the Nativity is used on the evening of December 24, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I). On the day of the Nativity of the Lord, following ancient Roman tradition, Mass may be celebrated three times, that is, in the night, at dawn, and during the day."

We will have our regular weekend Masses Saturday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10:30 a.m. for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Dec. 24: 4 p.m., Pilot Grove; 5 p.m., Boonville; 6 p.m.: Clifton City; 8 p.m., Boonville.

Monday, December 25: 8 a.m., Clear Creek; 10 a.m., Boonville.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday (Jan. 1) and so is NOT a holyday of obligation. As a Solemnity, however, it

CHRISTMAS AT
SS. PETER & PAUL

JOY TO THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 5 PM & 8 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 | 10 AM

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still outranks the Feast of the Holy Family, which will be celebrated that Sunday Dec. 31. Any Masses celebrated on the evening of Dec. 31 should be for Mary, Mother of God. — Fr. Dan Merz, DLC Chair

"What exactly does 'honor your father and mother' encompass?" — Susan K., 17

A: First, it means obey your parents, for they exercise God-given authority over you. It also means to be grateful to your parents for the gift of life, and for you to care for your parents when they can no longer care for themselves.

Children should obey their parents so long as:

- 1) parental wishes aren't contrary to the Catholic Faith;
- 2) The children live in their parents' home; or
- 3) Until they reach adulthood.

After that time, children are still obliged to love and honor their parents, but not necessarily obey them. By this time, the children are old enough to make their own decisions.

The Fourth Commandment also applies to more than the parent/child relationship. It calls us to obey lawful supervisors, including teachers, older siblings, and those who govern. Again, this assumes one is not directed to act contrary to the Faith. The Fourth Commandment also places a reciprocal duty on parents and those who exercise other forms of authority. Parents should educate and raise children in the Faith. They should respect their children as persons, disciplining them when necessary and providing for their physical, spiritual, educational, and social needs as best they can. In short, parents are obliged to love their children.

Reprinted from "Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons?" by Matthew J. Pinto

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Can Catholics Gamble?

Question: The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events.

What's correct?

Answer: Although Jesus

speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling.

At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette,

ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.



Need a gift idea? How about a Happy Moments or Food & Laugh gift card? They are good for various locations (see inventory list below).

We will be selling cards and taking orders after mass every weekend until Christmas. The last date to order for guaranteed delivery by Christmas is December 12.

As always, cards are available by contacting Darlene Smith at 660-537-8638 for pickup at her house, or email us at stspsscrip@gmail.com. We can have them ready for you to pick up after Mass. School families can purchase cards at school on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. until school is out. Visit us in the school library.

Available inventory for immediate purchase:

Academy Sports \$25; Amazon \$10, \$25 & \$100; Arby's \$10; Bass Pro Shops \$25; Bath & Body Works \$25; Bredeaux \$10; Breaktime \$50; Buffalo Wild Wings \$25; C&R Market \$50 & \$100; Casey's \$25, \$50 & \$100; Cenex \$25 & \$100; Dairy Queen \$10; Dick's Sporting Goods \$25; El Rancho Viejo \$25; Food & Laughs (Valid at BJ's Brewhouse, Cracker Barrel, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Cheesecake Factory) \$25; Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic/Athleta \$25; Gordon Jewelers – any denomination; Happy Moments (Valid at Bed Bath & Beyond, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cheesecake Factory, Macy's, Red Lobster, Regal, and Ulta Beauty) \$25; Hardee's \$10; Home Depot \$10 and \$25; Hy-Vee \$50 & \$100; Infinity Massage 30 (\$35) or 60 (\$60) minutes; Lowe's \$25; Maggie's \$25; Menard's \$25; McDonalds \$10 and \$25; Never The Same – any denomination; Olive Garden/Cheddar's/Longhorn \$25; Panera Bread \$10 and \$25; Pizza Hut \$10; Sonic \$10 or \$25; Starbuck's \$10 & \$25; Subway \$10; Taco Bell \$10 or \$25; Target \$10 & \$25; Texas Roadhouse \$25; The Brew Brothers \$25; The Cove \$25; Walgreens \$25; Walmart \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$250; Wendy's \$25; WJ's \$25

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 10, 2023



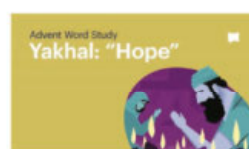
The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



The incredible true story of Our Lady of Guadalupe | Chris Stefanick Show

Check out this episode of the Chris Stefanick Show to learn the amazing story Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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An offering from the Aquinas Institute and spiraculous press

Celebrating the birth of the Light of the World

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join us for one of the Lake's longest running Christmas light displays!

176 Marian Drive, Laurie, MO 65037

FREE ENTRY EVERY NIGHT FROM DUSK - 10:00 PM
NOVEMBER 23, 2023 - JANUARY 7, 2024

Hot cocoa and candy canes offered Fridays from 6:00-8:00 pm starting December 1.

"O HOLY NIGHT"
Special Event
December 10 | 4 pm - 8 pm

Featuring a Live Nativity (with real animals including "Noah" the Camel, thanks to Sunrise Safari), refreshments, carolers, St. Nicholas, and a bonfire!

(Inclement Weather Date: December 17)

"I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12

St. Patrick CATHOLIC CHURCH
at the Beautiful Lake of the Ozarks in Laurie, MO

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
573-374-MARY (6279) | mothershrine.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Sunday, December 31, 2023
Knights of Columbus Hall
1515 Radio Hill Rd, Boonville, MO

All Proceeds benefit
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry
in Boonville, MO

\$10 ADMISSION
Includes Fun Bingo Card and a free dabber
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

FUN BINGO / PULL TAB GAMES
Must be 16 to play
Pull Tab Games start at 5:30 p.m. Fun Bingo 7-10 p.m.
Bingo Games at top of each hour Additional games to purchase
Cash Prizes

Donate your winnings back to receive a Limited Edition commemorative T-shirt!

FOOD DRIVE RAFFLE
Donate non-perishable food items* or household products** for a chance to win a wonderful gift basket donated by **Morning Glory Farms** in Blackwater, MO.

*Canned vegetables; Canned fruit in natural juice or light syrup; canned Tuna or Chicken in water; Peanut Butter; canned or dried Beans; Cereals; Oatmeal; 100% Juice and Granola Bars
**Bath soap; Dish soap; Deodorant; Shampoo; Paper towels and Toilet paper

BYOB POT LUCK Music and Activities 50/50 Drawing
FREE Tea, Lemonade, Ice & Popcorn Canned Soda \$1

Christmas Special Collection

for seminarian education and infirm priests

During this holy time of giving, please remember our clergy.

Christ was born to share God's good news. Today, our Catholic clergy dedicate their lives to sharing this same message with the world.

Your gift will help us educate our seminarians and provide for the needs of our infirm priests.

Look for your envelope in the December 15 issue of The Catholic Missourian

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The Camino de Santiago and Fatima with Father Matthew Flatley

Santiago de Compostela ✦ Sarria ✦ Melide ✦ O Pedrouzo
Portomarin ✦ Palas de Rei ✦ Arzúa
Lisbon ✦ Pilgrim Mass in Santiago de Compostela
Candlelight Procession - Fatima ✦ Porto
Chapel of Apparitions ✦ Daily Mass

September 16 - 29, 2024
Spiritual Leader: **Father Matthew Flatley**
Jefferson City Diocese

New diocesan policies to take effect on January 1

Two new diocesan policies that were promulgated in August are set to take effect on January 1. The new policies relate to transparency in fundraising and parish finance councils.

All Catholics involved in parish leadership, fundraising efforts or a parish finance council are strongly encouraged to review and understand the policies ahead of the effective date.

- Instruction on Transparency in Fundraising Policy (Overview and FAQ): diojeffcity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Instruction-on-Transparency-in-Fundraising.pdf
- Parish Finance Council Policy: diojeffcity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Parish-Finance-Council-2023.pdf

Focus on Vocations

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (573) 635-9127 x260 or via email: vocations@diojeffcity.org.



Fr. Tolton Catholic High School Admissions Deadline — January 15

The deadline for students who are currently in the 8th grade or above to apply to Fr. Tolton Catholic High School for the 2024-25 school year is coming up soon! We encourage you to fill out an application for your 8th grader or above as soon as possible. The deadline is January 15, 2024. Please use this link to get started: <https://toltoncatholic.org/apply>. Please select the "2024-25 9th-12th Grade" application. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Sasser at lsasser@toltoncatholic.org.

Tolton Catholic H.S. Trailblazer Annual Fund Drive

Many parishioners have already received a communication by mail inviting you to consider a contribution to Tolton Catholic's Trailblazer Annual Fund Drive. As you reflect on the spirit of giving this holiday season, please know that your contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on each students' educational journey... and the impact of your gift outlives the holiday season, as you're helping sustain an environment that values faith, service, and opportunity where students can explore their potential and thrive. Join us in ensuring that every student at Tolton Catholic has the resources they need to succeed. To make your contribution, please visit our secure online donation portal at tinyurl.com/TrailblazerFund. Thank you for considering Tolton Catholic in your holiday giving plans!

"THE HEART OF JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE SYMBOL OF GOD'S MERCY; BUT IT IS NOT AN IMAGINARY SYMBOL. IT IS A REAL SYMBOL, WHICH REPRESENTS THE CENTER, THE SOURCE FROM WHICH SALVATION FOR ALL HUMANITY GUSHED FORTH"

POPE FRANCIS

PRO LIFE UPDATES

Save the Dates

Pro Life Pilgrimage January 8th, 2024

We will leave the church parking lot at 10:15 a.m. for brunch, then to St. Raymond's Society, and, lastly, to My Life Clinic. We will return around 2:15 pm. We would like a couple of parents from our school to attend. We need people to help mothers and their babies in our community when the need arises. Call Connie Gerling for more information (660-621-2787). Information is being shared on upcoming events to provide education on protecting the unborn so they can have life. In Missouri, there are groups that keep trying to place initiative petitions on the ballot that take the lives of unborn babies up to birth as a choice in our constitution.

- **Missouri Right to Life is having a Pro-life Lobby Day at the state Capitol in Jefferson City Tuesday, March 12th, 2024.**
- **Mid West March for Life is Wednesday, May 1, 2024 on**

the Missouri State Capitol Lawn, in Jefferson City. Activities start at 8 a.m. and rally starts at 9:30 a.m. and continues till 3 p.m. Visit www.midwestmarchforlife.com.

- **The Keep Missouri ProLife banquet and program, sponsored by the Missouri Right to Life, is June 1, 2024.** Registration opens March 1, 2024. Register at: missourilife.com/banquet

Unborn Baby at Four Months

Thank you for praying for us. I'm bigger and stronger now. I am 7 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. Mom can listen to my heartbeat. I can roll around and do flips in the womb. I am excited to see my mom.

SSPP Spiritual Adoption Program Prayer for Life: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I pray that you will take care of the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted."

Get prolife updates at:
missourilife.org

You can help a mother with unplanned pregnancy by sharing the resources that are posted in our church bathrooms. You may have noticed the pull-off tabs on the flyers posted on the walls. These resources can help mothers before and after birth. You can also call Connie Gerling, 660-621-2787.

Sacramental and Spiritual Life of the Parish

AUTOMATIC TRANSFERS If you would like your giving to be processed automatically, please download the authorization form at: ssppboonville.diojeffcity.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2019/12/sspp-ach-authorization-form.pdf or pick-up a form in the front entrance of church. Completed forms may be delivered to the parish office.

BAPTISM Preparation is required for both parents, preferably during the early months of pregnancy. Contact Theresa Krebs, 882-6468 or dre@ssppparish.net.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Adults interested in inquiring about becoming Catholic are invited to participate in this process. Contact Pete Seleke, 816-863-7103, for more information on the process. The **CURSILLO** movement is active in our parish. The Wednesday night group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the cry room at church at 5:30 p.m. Contact Ruth Wells, 660-888-5395. The Saturday morning group meets in the parish office. Contact Dave or Sue Miller at 888-6827 or 537-0437.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held on First and Third Fridays after the 8:15AM Mass until 9PM. Please come and pray with the Lord.

FORMED.ORG Join Formed for information on faith formation, sacramental preparation, Bible studies and youth resources. To register, go to signup.formed.org and select our parish. No code needed!

LEGION OF MARY meets Monday mornings at 9AM in the Parish Office basement. Their main ministry is to reach out to people to witness the Good News of Jesus. For more information, contact Nancy Poulsen Fangman, 660-466-0145 or email nancy56@iland.net.

MARRIAGE Contact the parish office at least six months prior to your proposed wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

MEN'S GROUP Contact Deron Widmer, 573-289-0360.

MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND Please contact the office when a parishioner is hospitalized or sick.

Father will schedule a visit and communion call, as appropriate. (Due to patient confidentiality, the parish is not automatically notified of hospital admissions.) Homebound parishioners can be added to our list as needed.

Any parishioner in need of transportation to/from Mass may contact the office and we will attempt to schedule a ride for you.

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome! Please take advantage of belonging to our parish by getting involved in a ministry! To register, pick-up a form in the back of church, download the form from our website or visit the parish office.

PRAYER LINE To place someone on the Prayer Line, please call Phyllis Lauer at 882-6367. You need not give your name, just let us know who we can pray for. Prayer requests may also be sent to prayerline@ssppparish.net. If you want to be a part of our e-mail prayer chain, contact Russell Gerling at rgerling@iland.net. Prayer request cards can be found at each of the church entrances. You may put them in the collection basket.

PROLIFE GROUP Contact Connie Gerling, 660-621-2787, to get involved.

REDUCED GLUTEN HOSTS are available at each Mass. Please check-in at the sacristy so the priest will know to have it available. You will need to go to the center aisle to receive communion from Father.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CASE is generally open every third weekend of the month. Items are also available by contacting the parish office, 882-6468.

VOLUNTEERS Anyone who is volunteering with the youth in the parish (at church or the school) is required to be Virtus certified. Contact the parish office, 882-6468 or dre@ssppparish.net for more details, or visit www.virtus.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP meets monthly, on the third Wednesday in the parish office basement, unless otherwise announced, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jill Birch, jb081973@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday. We are closed to walk-in visitors, but you may call for assistance: 660-882-6468.

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT 4 P.M. Email bulletin items to: bulletin@ssppparish.net.

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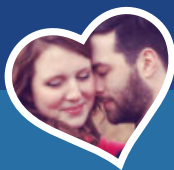


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