

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

You're invited to a joyful celebration! Honoring the 100th Birthday of Edna Shay. Please join us in giving thanks and celebrating a truly remarkable woman who continues to inspire us all. Edna, a beloved member of our community, will turn 100 years young on April 25th. Still living independently and full of grace she is a shining example of faith, resilience and love. Following the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, April 25th we invite family, friends, parishioners and neighbors to gather in the church basement of St. Joseph Catholic Church for a special reception in her honor. Cake and light refreshments will be served. Come share stories, laughter and well wishes as we celebrate this milestone together. No gifts please- your company and prayers are the greatest gift of all. With gratitude and joy, The Shay Boys and family

Please contact the office for those you wish to add to the prayer list.

The family of Carl Lee Waller, Ava Johnson, the soul of Sydney Lopez and her family, Bob Roth family, Bonnie Salmon, and David Vollrath

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confession offered 30 minutes before each Mass and by appointment. The Rosary is prayed before all weekday and weekend Masses. Please join us.

Saturday, April 18

4:00 PM: Mary Bell Felten

Sunday, April 19

8:30 AM: The People of the Parishes

Tuesday, April 21

8:05AM: Bernard, Rita & Bernie Martin
and Leo Franken

Thursday, April 23

8:05 AM: Roger Twenter, Sr & Terry Twenter

7:00 PM: Joe & Lorene Vollrath (Clifton City)

Saturday, April 25

4:00 PM: Edna Shay's 100th Birthday

Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM: Herb & Marie Zeller

ATTENTION LADIES!!!

LET'S GATHER TO HONOR
MARY OUR MOTHER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
7 pm St. Joseph Church

Join us for a meaningful celebration in honor of Mother Mary as we welcome the month of May. All women are invited to gather for an evening where we'll share a candlelight rosary. Afterward, enjoy some fellowship and tap into your creativity by crafting flower crowns to adorn your home or garden statue. All materials will be provided, just bring a friend!



Church Cleaning Crew for the Week

We extend our gratitude to the following individuals for volunteering to clean the Lord's House this week: **Sally Ellebracht-Gerke, Molly Gerke, Daniel Royuk and Amy Lucas**. Thank you for helping keep our worship space clean and welcoming!

Upcoming Events

4/27-5/1- Teacher Appreciation Week

4/25- Crowned with Joy- Women's Conference
Laurie, MO

4/28- Pro-Life baby shower- after Mass

5/3- First Communion

5/7- May Crowning

5/9- 8th grade graduation

LORD, YOU WILL SHOW US THE PATH OF LIFE.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of the disciples returning to what they know best—fishing—after the Resurrection. After a long night with no success, Jesus appears on the shore, though they do not recognize Him at first. At His instruction, they cast their nets again and are overwhelmed with abundance.

How often do we find ourselves like the disciples—tired, uncertain, and returning to old routines when life feels unclear? Yet, Jesus meets us right there, in the ordinary moments. He calls us to trust Him again, even when we feel discouraged.

The simple invitation Jesus gives—"Come, have breakfast"—reminds us of His closeness and care. He nourishes not only our bodies but our hearts and souls. And just as He asked Peter, "Do you love me?" He asks each of us the same question.

This week, may we recognize the presence of the risen Christ in our daily lives and respond with renewed love and trust.

The family of Alfred Twenter would like to send a big thank you to everyone that helped in any way. The prayers, memorials and visiting him while in Katy Manor were greatly appreciated. Thank you Fr. Greg for the service and Madonna and Alma for the wonderful music. We would also like to thank the Altar Sodality for the luncheon.

School News

Mass will be on Tuesday and Thursday next week.

The 5th/6th grade will have Mass parts. Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

On May 7th, we will celebrate the traditional May Crowning. We invite mothers, grandmas, aunts, sisters, or a special female role model to join us after crowning for a light breakfast in the church basement.

Thanks to the generosity of Fr. Greg, our last day of school will be moved to Wednesday, May 13th! We only used two of our six built-in snow days, so we were able to take a couple days off the end of the year!

Blood Drive
Pilot Grove High School
Gymnasium
107 School St.
Pilot Grove, MO 65276
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PilotGroveHS to schedule an appointment.

Help hope bloom! Give blood 4/13-30 for \$15 e-gift card to merchant of choice. See rcblood.org/hope

April weekly collections

April 5 - \$ 8,636.00
April 12- \$ 8,539.00
April 19 - \$
April 26- \$

Total for month: \$17,175.00

Finance Council members: Craig Stark- chair,
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GIFTS AND GIVING REPORT

ENVELOPES	7050.00
LOOSE	624.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	865.00
TOTAL	\$8539.00
EASTER SPECIAL COLLECTION	\$865.00

PRO LIFE INFORMATION

Come on Mondays at 2:00 in the church to pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the protection of babies born and unborn.

Let us continue to say this prayer for our spiritually adopted babies.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much, I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Preborn Baby at 8 and 9 Months: *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.* At 8 months, the baby weighs more than four pounds and will gain half a pound a week during the 9th month. Of the 45 total generations of cell replication that will occur by mature adulthood, 41 have already taken place.

Baby Shower: A baby shower will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 in the church basement immediately following the 8:05 Mass. The shower is in honor of our spiritually adopted babies that St. Joseph students have been praying for this past school year. Items brought to the baby shower will be donated to a pregnancy help center that provides services and support for mothers and families facing difficult pregnancies. Everyone is invited. Hosted by St. Joseph Pro-life Committee.

Items brought to the baby shower will be donated to Loving Hearts Pregnancy Center in Sedalia. Their wish list: White onesies (0–3 months, 3–6 months, 6–9 months); newborn short-sleeve onesies; new sleepers (3 months, 6 months, 9 months); white infant socks; head-to-toe body wash; new 8 oz bottles; nail clippers; thermometers; brush and comb sets; new teethingers; new pacifiers.

Planning to go to the Women's Pilgrimage at the Lake on April 25th? Several women from the parish are planning to carpool! We will leave from the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Contact Christine Wirths if you're interested in joining us. (660) 620-6500. It's going to be a beautiful day of Joy with women from all over the diocese. We will be back in time for both Edna's birthday party and Carl Lee's dinner!

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on Pro-life Amendment 3

We, the Catholic Bishops of Missouri, are committed to protecting the sanctity and dignity of all human life, including the poor and needy, refugees and immigrants, prisoners on death row, and mothers and children.

In Missouri, this dignity is being threatened by the pro-abortion amendment passed in 2024. That amendment enshrined a sweeping right to abortion in the State Constitution and eliminated the legislature's ability to set common-sense safeguards for the abortion industry, including the requirement that only doctors perform abortions, the requirement that parents be notified and give consent before their minor child has an abortion, and the requirement that abortion clinics be licensed and inspected.

This year, Missourians will have the opportunity to restore those safeguards by voting for Amendment 3. The proposed constitutional amendment will protect women's health and safety and restore protections for the unborn.

We ask the faithful and all people of good will to join us in prayer and fasting for the success of Amendment 3 and to support each human person from conception to natural death.

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