

Parish and School Staff

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 Bulletin Items Deadline - Noon Wednesday

We are looking for someone to fill the position of parish and school secretary. The ideal candidate would be friendly, have some experience with office software (word processing, data management, etc), be able to shift gears to deal with whatever person or child comes to the office, be familiar with databases (all the students' and parishioners' information), have some light bookkeeping experience and complete other tasks associated with the position. The ability and commitment to keep information confidential is not negotiable.

When school is in session, the position is a 40-hour per week job. Hours of service can be negotiated somewhat, but presence during the bulk of the school day is required. Less presence is required when school is not in session. Hourly pay will be negotiated depending upon experience. Benefits, including health insurance, are available. Contact me, Ms. Gerke, or Ms. Watring for more information about the position.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 PM Gordon & Theresa Kempf
 6:00 PM For the People
 Sunday 7:00 AM For the Souls Who Have
 No One to Pray for Them
 9:00 AM Dotsy Twenter
 Monday 8:05 AM Private Prayer
 Tuesday 8:05 AM Litteken-Twenter Family
 Wednesday **6:30 PM** Ralph & Levina Reuter
 Thursday **8:05** AM Virginia Wessing
 Friday **8:05** AM Rita Martin
 Saturday 4:00 PM Wilbur & Eunice Vollrath
 6:00 PM For the People
 Sunday 7:00 AM All Veterans
 9:00 AM Loal & Angeline Richerson

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm - St. Joseph PG)
 5:45 pm - St. Joseph (Clifton)
 Sunday: 6:45 am - St. John's (CC)
 8:45 am - St. Joseph (PG)
 Before week day evening mass: 5:00 - 6:20 pm
 St. Joseph (PG)

The rosary is prayed before all week day and week end masses.

Below is an update on our parish's goal for the CSA campaign.

Parish Name: Saint Joseph Parish
Location: Pilot Grove
Parish Goal: \$8160
\$ Committed \$3215
\$ Received: \$3040

Diocese CSA 2022 Goal/Totals as of 11/1/2021

Diocese Goal \$2,000,000
 Received: \$671,901

Sunday Collection

Envelopes	\$ 6,183.50
First Offering	10.00
All Souls	40.00
All Saints	15.00
Mission	20.00
Loose	<u>660.00</u>

Total **\$ 6,928.50**

There will be a Rosary honoring the passing of Kenny Day, this Sunday, November 7th, following the 9:00 a.m. mass. Following the rosary there will be a Celebration of Life in the church basement. You are invited to come by, visit and share memories with family and friends.



SCHOOL NEWS

Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and Thursday. The 3rd & 4th will have mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

Christmas Lighting Ceremony

The 7th & 8th grade will be holding a Christmas Lighting Ceremony as part of Christmas in the Grove this year. It will be held on Saturday, December 4th. Along with the lighting of the school and a magic tree there will be other activities taking place that night too. Please see the flyer attached to the bulletin for more information. This will be the class fundraiser for the 7th & 8th grade this year.

Upcoming Events

- 11/8-No School Teacher PD Day
- 11/13-Speech Meet/All School Mass
- 11/17-Mid-Quarter
- 11/24-26-No School Thanksgiving Break
- 12/4-7th & 8th Christmas Lighting Ceremony
- 12/20-Christmas Program
- 12/21-Early Out @ 12:00
- 12/22-1/3-No School-Christmas Break

Pilot Grove NHS will host a Blood Drive on Thursday, November 11 in the gym from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PilotGroveHS to schedule an appointment.

St. John's Cemetery Association is having a Veteran's Day Prayer Service on Thursday, November 11 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Church - Clear Creek. We will be honoring and praying for our veterans, our country and community. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend!

Scrip Current Inventory: Wal-Mart \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 , Target \$10 & \$25, Gap \$25, JC Penney \$25, Walgreens \$25, I-Tunes \$15 & \$25, Panera \$5, & \$25, Starbucks \$5 & \$25 Applebee's \$10 & \$25 , Regal Theater \$25, Olive Garden/Longhorn \$25, Casey's \$10& \$50 Discover \$50, \$100 & \$250, Bath & Body \$10 & \$25, Barnes & Noble \$5 Maurice's \$20, Subway \$10, Visa \$50, \$100 & \$250, Taco Bell \$10, Red Lobster \$25, Dick's \$25, Hy-Vee \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100, Cracker Barrel \$25, Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 , Steak 'n Shake \$10, Goodrich Theater \$10, Menards \$25.

Remember the Sick and Suffering Linnebur family, Judy Klenklen, Evan Schupp, Mary Ann Kane, Patty Antry, Becky Quick, Ron Kaullen, Cheryl Bonen, Judy Kraus, Melissa Pemberton, Patty Oerly, Jodie Walje, Sandy Hezel, Mary Manning, Brittany Twenter Asbury, Kim Townlain, Sue Gerke, Pat Vollrath, Diane Elbert, Carol Lang , Angie Gill, Henry Brownfield, Virgil Kraus, Don Aggeler and all the sick and suffering in our Parish Family

November 7, 2021 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph Home & School Auction
10/16/2021

Dinner Line	\$2,487.00
Meal Donations	\$ 950.00
Fund A Need	\$7,900.00
Live/Silent Auction	\$36,802.00
Bar	\$1,599.00

Total Revenues \$49,738.00

Dinner	\$1,159.23
Bar	\$716.61
Building Rental/License	\$220.50
Misc. Overhead	\$1,141.17

Total Expenses \$3,237.51

Net Income \$46,500.49

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 7TH & 8TH GRADE
Christmas Lighting
CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
405 HARRIS STREET, PILOT GROVE

**LIGHTING
CEREMONY**

**CHRISTMAS
STATIONS**

Hayrides,
Horse & Carriage Rides,
Live Nativity, Appetizers
Magic Tree,
Photo Opportunities,
Craft Making and more!

5:00 PM

Parking available in the
church parking lot

5:10-8:00 PM

Free will
donations go
toward the
7th & 8th
grade class
trip!



Dear Parishioners,

During the week of November 7-13, we are celebrating Vocation Awareness Week. All of us by virtue of our baptism share in the Universal Call to Holiness. At our baptism we are given a particular vocation to help us meet the universal call. Some are called to the married state, while others are called to the priesthood or religious life. Still, some are called to consecrated single state, which is a much different state of life than just being a bachelor/bachelorette. This vocation is consecrated to God in such a way as to be considered a spouse to God. Whatever our vocation may be, its main purpose is to help us grow in holiness.

As a priest of five months, who spent a great deal of time discerning what God was calling me to, I can say that I am truly blessed, joyful, and at peace since being ordained a priest. After years of trying to figure out who I am, I finally found the answer in fulfilling God's will in my life. The priesthood is so much more than I could have ever dreamed. I am blessed to pray with and for the people of God. I find great joy in ministering the sacraments, especially mass, confession, and anointing of the sick. This truly is an awesome vocation that many more men need to be open to.

As we know, our diocese needs more good and holy men willing to follow this particular vocation in their lives. We need not only just pray for good priests, but we also need to promote the priesthood within our families. Our sons need to know that this vocation is an awesome vocation, and that they may make a fantastic priest someday. God is calling plenty of men to work in the harvest, but those men must be willing to answer the call. If there is a constant barrage of negative talk about the priesthood, the vocation would not be appealing to strong faithful men. We must speak positively about how rewarding the priesthood truly is, and as family members we must be supportive if our sons start discerning the vocation.

As a newly minted member of the presbyterate, and also a member of the Vocation Committee, it is my goal to find and promote vocations to the priesthood. I am willing to answer any questions that young men or family members may have about the priesthood. For the Church to be fruitful and multiply we must all be willing to sacrificially give of the gifts that God has given us. God can do anything He chooses, but He likes to work through our daily lives to bring others to relationship with Him. As the widow was willing to give all she had, we too must be willing to give the entirety of ourselves for the benefit of the Kingdom of God. May we all be open to the movements of the Lord.

Fr. Derek Hooper

September 26, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

