



**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH**  
**APRIL 27, 1976 – OCTOBER 9, 2022**

St. Joseph the Worker is a caring Catholic Community which is Christ-centered, called by God the Father, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, through prayer, learning, fellowship, sacraments, and service.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 9, 2022

Presider	Most Rev. James V. Johnston, Jr.
Concelebrants	Rev. Joseph Powers Rev. Kendall Ketterlin Rev. C. Duane Ryan Rev. Joe Matt Rev. Chuck Tobin Rev. Charles Rowe
Deacon	Robert Falke
Master of Ceremonies	Deacon Ralph Wehner
Reader	Sharon Engelman
Musician Cantor	Carol Patton Lori Laughrey
Servers	Karl, Kurt & Keith Manozza
Interpreters	Rhonda Scott & Becky Turner

"Thank you" to all who worked on planning the Mass and the luncheon. A special "thank you" to the ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society who served as hostesses at the luncheon.

## **We Planted the Seed...**

### **...Our History Begins**

St. Joseph the Worker's beginnings are rich in the history of St. Mary Parish in Independence, Missouri dating back to the early 1800's. Saint Mary, the oldest church in Jackson County, was completed in 1864. Over the years, the Independence population more than doubled. St. Mary could no longer handle the overflow. An additional church was needed.

April 27, 1976, Bishop Helmsing canonically established St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Until an actual brick and mortar church could be built, temporary services were held in the newly built Holy Family Elementary School in Independence, Mo. On August 15, 1976, at the dedication of the school, the first mass of St. Joseph the Worker Parish was celebrated by its first pastor, Reverend C. Duane (Bo) Ryan (July 1976-June 1986).

Through the generosity of parishioner Anna Marie Lentz, in donating the land, the actual building was on its way to reality. On Sunday, March 15, 1981, members of the parish watched at the new church site as Bishop Sullivan, Fr. Ryan, Anna Marie Lentz, and others turned over the first shovels of dirt.

On Thanksgiving morning, November 26, 1981, the first mass was held in the St. Joseph the Worker building. The hopes, dreams, generosity, and hard work of so many finally came together. At last, we had our own church.

### **The Vines Continued to Grow...**

Fr. Ryan's vision was to be a parish of hospitality and ministry. As the parish grew, so did a real sense of "community". Ministry to others, beautiful services and music, and get-togethers forged a great bond among the parishioners. In June, 1986, after 13 years of struggling, leading and saying yes to the challenges of building up St Joseph the Worker parish, Fr. Ryan's talents were needed elsewhere. With heavy hearts and emotional goodbyes, the people of St Joseph the Worker bid farewell to its beloved pastor.

### **The Roots Grew Deep...**

Reverend Frank Russ was St Joseph the Worker's second pastor (June 1986-June 1989). Despite Fr. Ryan leaving a big pair of shoes to fill, Fr. Russ soon earned a special place in the hearts of people of St. Joseph the Worker. Leading with humbleness and discipline, he inspired us to whittle away at the parish debt. It was under the tenure of Fr. Russ that our generous benefactor, Anna Marie Lentz, went to our heavenly Father. In June of 1989, we were again saddened when Fr. Russ was assigned to another parish. When our Lord closes one door in life, He opens another.

Our third pastor, Reverend Chuck Tobin (June 1989-1996) brought his "specialness to our community. His energy and drive inspired us to give more of ourselves, to find our talents and share them. Under Fr. Tobin, the parish grew and it became necessary to expand our facilities. On May 12, 1991, there was a Mass to dedicate and celebrate the new additions of the Lentz Room, the Joseph Room, Resource Center, Gathering space, and the outdoor area. In 1996 Fr. Tobin was assigned to St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish in Maryville – a parish three-times the size of St. Joseph the Worker.

On June 20, 1996, our fourth pastor, Reverend John Leitner (1996-2004) was assigned to St. Joseph the Worker. We had prayed that God would send a good and holy priest to serve and lead us in the years ahead. Fr. Leitner had been looking for a smaller parish to oversee. As God would have it, a good fit would be at St. Joseph the Worker.

St. Joseph the Worker's fifth pastor was Reverend Joe Matt (2004-2014). Fr. Matt encouraged us to continue to cultivate that spirit of warmth and hospitality that we will want to extend to all new members. He said it was a distinct pleasure and privilege to pastor at St. Joseph the Worker. At times, Fr. Matt had a humorous quip that preceded his homily. He had a gift of relating the gospel to modern times.

Reverend James Carlyle (2014-2018) was St. Joseph the Workers sixth pastor. On Saturday, October 18, 2014, Fr. Carlyle was ordained to the Priesthood. St. Joseph the Worker parishioners were invited to witness this beautiful service. Fr. Carlyle liked to incorporate the catechism in with his homily. He would question us about things such as the gifts of the Holy Spirit or the corporal works of mercy. We believe he knew some of us needed a refresher. He often professed his love of the Catholic church.

Reverend Joe Powers (2018-2022) was assigned as the seventh pastor of St. Joseph the Worker. That assignment was in addition to continuing as pastor to his current parish of St. Mark in Independence, Mo. Newly ordained, Reverend Timothy Leete, PV was helping Fr. Powers with the services of both parishes. Due to a shortage of priests, however, Fr. Leete was transferred to St. Joseph, Mo. God bless Fr. Powers for his dedication to the priesthood. We thank God for providing Fr. Powers with the strength to take care of both parishes.

### **The Fruits of the Labor Entwine...**

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven. A time for giving birth, a time for dying. A time for tears, a time for laughter. A time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing...ECCL. 3.

And a time for moving on, a time for change.

Just as St. Joseph the Worker's beginnings are rich in the history of St Mary Parish, so we now are called to return to that original richness.

## List of Firsts for St. Joseph the Worker

First Pastor	Fr C. Duane Ryan	August 14, 1976
First Altar Society Meeting		May 11, 1976
First Mass as a Parish	Holy Family School	August 15, 1976
First Person Baptized	Eric Scott Davis	November 14, 1976
First Holy Communion	Georgia Elliott	October 24, 1976
First Person Confirmed	David E. Howard	March 25, 1977
First Oktoberfest	Bob & Juanita Klenklen	October 1, 1977
First Countryside Festival	David & Joan Howard	August, 1983
First Mass at New Church	Blue Mills Road	November 26, 1981
First Music Director	Robert J. Thompson	July 3, 1977
First Director of Religious Education	Sr Cele Breen S.C.L.	August 29, 1977

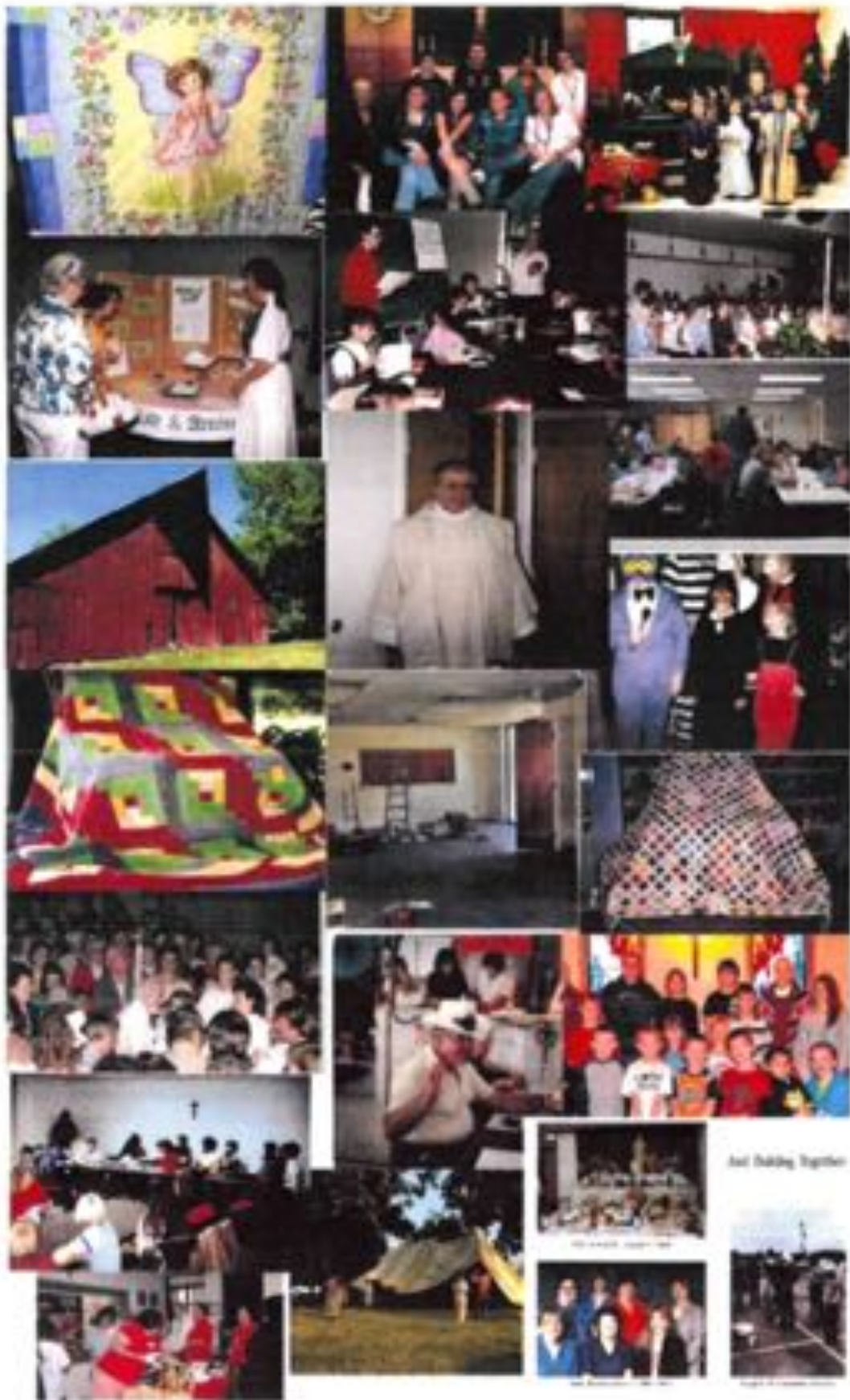
## Priests who have served St. Joseph the Worker

Rev. C. Duane (Bo) Ryan	1976-1986
Rev. Frank Russ	1986-1989
Rev. Chuck Tobin	1989-1996
Rev. John Leitner	1996-2004
Rev. Joe Matt	2004-2014
Rev. James Carlyle	2014-2018
Rev. Joe Powers	2018-2022
Rev. Timothy Leete	2018-2020

*Parishioners are welcome to take home one of the green hymnals, especially one that your family donated. The hymnals are the **only things** that can be taken from the church. Everything else remains church property and must go through the correct processes. Thank you.*

*St. Mary will be serving refreshments after all their Masses on the weekends of October 9 and October 16. All are welcome.*





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BUT ONE BREADCRUMB, LOSETH HE DROPPETH COMFORTABLE AND GETTETH  
ONE OF THEM IN LITTER WHICH FEEDS

Let us always remember that we are always being watched by our God who is always with us.

with

Epiphany March 11, 2011

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Mass Times: Confession 30 min before every Mass, excluding 11 AM Sunday

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday & Wednesday- 12 Noon (OF)

Thursday 8 PM (EF)

Friday 12 Noon (OF)

Saturday 5 PM (OF)

Sunday 8 AM (OF) 11 AM (OF) 5 PM (EF)

OF = Ordinary Form EF = Extraordinary Form

### St. Ann

Saturday-4 PM Mass, Confession 3 PM

Tuesdays—the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 5-6 PM

Friday 8 AM

### St. Cyril

Sunday 9:30 AM - No confession

Wednesday 8 PM Confession 5:30 PM

### St. Marks

Saturday 4:30 PM; Confession 3:30 - 4; 7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday 8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 AM (Communion service Tuesday and Thursday)

### OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT GOD'S CHILDREN



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3758 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and

Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

After reporting to their civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [joe@ombudsman-dioceseksj.org](mailto:joe@ombudsman-dioceseksj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true-francis@dioceseksj.org](mailto:true-francis@dioceseksj.org)