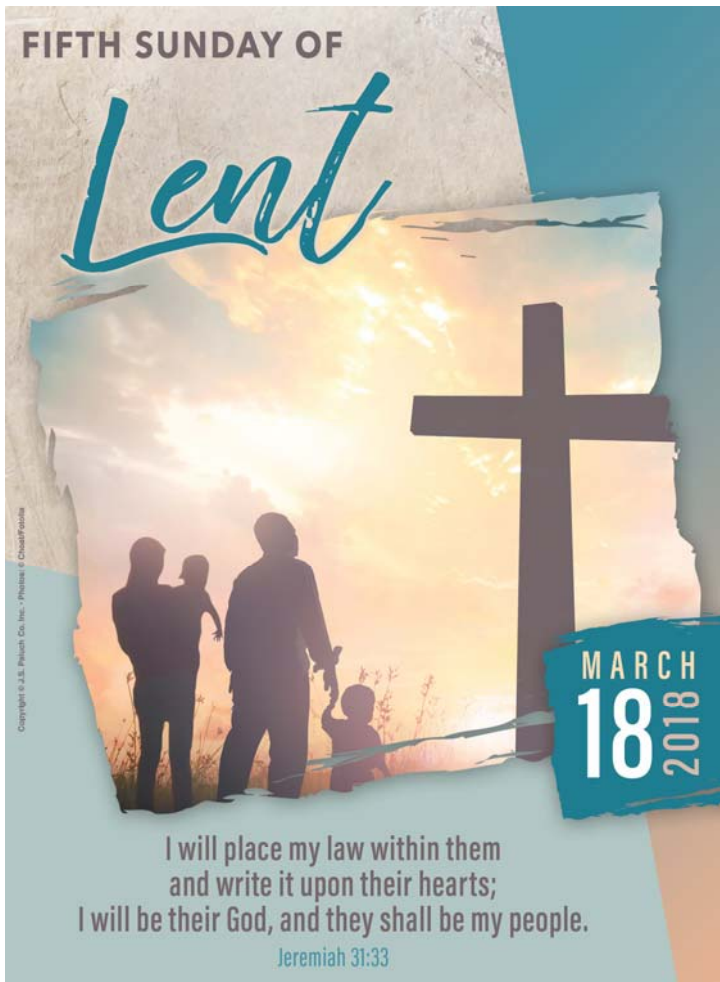


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Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 - Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY at 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY at 7:00 am*
(*If there is a Funeral, 7:00 a.m. Mass is Cancelled.)
WEDNESDAY at 5:30 p.m.
RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY from 3:15-4:00 p.m.
HOLY DAYS will be announced in the bulletin and on the website.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Joseph Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed, to build a Christian community of faith within and beyond the parish, to serve the people of God both near and far, and to celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Contact Sr. Mary Ellen Backes, O.S.U., for information on Inquiry Sessions and RCIA process.

Baptism of Children under eight years old: Contact Deacon Larry to attend pre-baptismal classes on the 4th Thursday of each month. Baptisms are usually celebrated during the weekend Masses, except for Advent and Lent.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made six months in advance. Call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office for Fr. Manny.

Communion for the Homebound: Notify the Parish Office to arrange for Communion to the sick and elderly.

New Parishioners

St. Joseph welcomes all visitors to our Church. If you would like to register, please request a Parish Registration Form from the Parish Office.

Assisted Listening System

Personal listening instruments are available to complement our audio system. These are located in the Vesting Sacristy.

Bulletin Announcements

Announcements are due, by email, at the Parish Office by 9:00 am on Tuesdays. The bulletin is published weekly on our parish website: <http://stjoseph.dio.org>.

Catholic Faith Formation

The Catholic Faith Formation program provides religious instruction for St. Joseph Parishioners who do not attend Catholic schools for grades K-8. Classes meet Monday evenings from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm September - May.

Hospitalized Parishioners

Families and friends are asked to please keep the parish staff informed regarding parishioners who are hospitalized.

Prayer Requests

St. Joseph Prayer Chain is composed of members of the parish who pray for the needs of fellow parishioners and their families and friends. Please call or email Linda at 481-4320, linda.medlock@comcast.net or the Parish Office. All requests are confidential.

Pastoral Council

The St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council is called by the parish to serve as consultant to the Pastor in assuring that all aspects of parish life reflect the mission and ministry of Jesus in accordance with norms determined by the diocesan Bishop.

Members

Tim Kennedy (*Chair*), Gene Mitchell (*Vice Chair*), Barb Schmidt (*Secretary*), Linda Medlock, Frank Ramirez, Carol Greenwood, *ad hoc*.

Standing Committees

Community Builders
Faith Formation/Evangelization
Health and Wellness
Liturgy
Social Concerns
Stewardship

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council is an advisory body to assist the Pastor in the administration and management of the temporal goods of the parish.

Members

Tom Hyde (*Chair*), Deacon Larry Day, Katherine Elsner, Rita Havrilka, Tom Niedzielski, Janet Shures

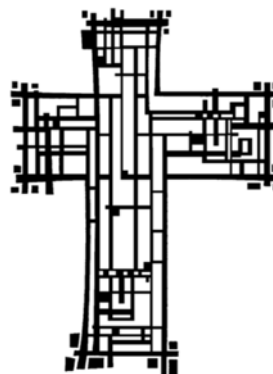
Choir

Director: Deanna Kettelkamp

P.E.P. (People Enjoying People) Club

The PEP Club is a social group for "seniors" that meets monthly for lunch and fellowship.

Chair: Gary Schmidt



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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number: 217-321-1155.

Worship Schedule & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions

Mar. 17 - Mar. 18, 2018

Sat. 4:30 pm †Ellen Dahlkamp
†David Lazzeri
†Simon Cory
†Michael Hammitt
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Robert Berberet

Masses for this Week

Mar. 19 - Mar. 25, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am †People of St. Joseph



Tue. 7:00 am †Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 5:30 pm †Joseph Buragas
Thu. 7:00 am †Dorothy Iocca
Sat. 4:30 pm †Alvera Wiessing
†Kay Harrison
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Justine Claunch

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Mar. 19

6:30 pm CFF
6:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Agnes

Tuesday, Mar. 20

4:30 pm Kumler

Wednesday, Mar. 21

5:15 pm Helping Hands
7:00 pm Confirmation at St. Agnes

Thursday, Mar. 22

11:00 am Bible Study
5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration
6:15 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Choir practice

Friday, Mar. 23

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 24

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Mar. 25

9:30 am Music Practice

From the Administrator's Desk.....!

Our reading for this Sunday will help us see the true humanity side of Jesus in John's gospel as he approaches his own passion where he finally meets his hour.

Jesus used the image of the grain of wheat for His death and resurrection. But his own Passover will produce the fruits of eternal life, especially for all of us who believe.

He said, "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour...." Jesus' request to the Father to save him from what is to come is a sign that his hour is very near. St. John shows us the humanity of Jesus who, very clearly, is fearful in the face of the awful struggle with Satan and of what the hour of his passion and death entails.

Today we have seen Jesus' appeal to the Father and the Father's announcement, his re-assuring voice from heaven. It is like the voice of the Father in the transfiguration of Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, our gospel this 5th Sunday of Lent is an opportunity for us to look ahead to the events of Holy Week and Easter. Let us then realize that the Fathers' voice re-assuring Jesus is also with us as well as we join ourselves to Jesus in his suffering and death.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny

Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois - The Acts, Declarations and Statutes of the Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are now available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org/synod.

FIRST COMMUNION



Congratulations to:

*Clayton Ray
George Ray*



Rest in Peace

Jewel "Bettie" Krohe

(mother of Dottie Puckel)

Thank you for your generous support of **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

ENCOUNTER ALEFA - We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

J.O.S.H.U.A. and SHG students are here this weekend to kick off this year's **M & M's for Money and Missions**. Keep us in prayer, and if you'd like to help financially, bring your tube with your contribution for next week's collection basket. Thank you once again for your tremendous support.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS Parishioners are invited to contribute to the "Easter Decoration Fund" in honor or memory of a loved one. The monies collected will be used to purchase plants and other decorations for the worship space. An envelope for this purpose (altar donations) was included in the monthly packet OR you can use any envelope. Simply include the name of the individual or family you'd like remembered and return it to the parish office **by Friday, March 23rd**. Because a specific number of live plants has been ordered by the liturgical environment committee, we are asking that parishioners not donate Easter lilies or other living plants. Thank you for your cooperation.



Holy Thursday, March 29
5:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, March 30
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, March 31
8:00 pm - The Great Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 1
8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

PROCESSION OF GIFTS FOR THE POOR Please bring your Rice Bowls and canned goods to Holy Thursday Mass to be carried in a "procession of gifts for the poor." This gesture is a sign of the conclusion of our Lenten good works and practice of almsgiving. Monetary gifts do not need to be contained in a Rice Bowl.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL Campaign Progress Report

Our assessment this year is **\$49,152.00**. This amount must be paid by the parish and any deficit has to come from ordinary parish income.

Assessment FY 2017	\$49,152.00
Total collected (reported by Diocese monthly)	\$12,611.25*
Residual to be paid by parish	\$36,540.75
73 Contributors (15%) pledged	\$13,775.00
*Pledged amount paid (91%)	\$12,611.25

Last year at this time, \$31,309.50 had been pledged by 125 contributors (26%) and 93% (or \$29,299.50) of the pledged amount had been paid.

Thanks to each of you who have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not yet made a pledge to the appeal, please pray about how you can help our parish family and the larger Church family that is our diocese.

FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:

"Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all. Don't we all want a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones?" *Pope Francis: Message of the Holy Father for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 17, 2016*

We are surrounded by many discussions and opinions about immigration to the U.S., particularly in the last 1½ years. There are many arguments pro and con about immigration and deportation, as well as a great amount of misinformation about the effects of our accepting immigrants and their drag on our economy, safety, quality of life, etc.

Yet, many who have immigrated to this country had done so through veritably insurmountable challenges and hardship, many even losing their lives in the effort to find a better life for themselves and their families. Many of them, in order to survive, had to flee with little or no preparation because of violence and persecution. At the same time, there are numerous examples of the wonderful contributions of immigrants to the betterment of conditions in the U.S.

All of us, except Native Americans, have descended from ancestors who came to this land for the same reasons as the immigrants come in our own day. In the quote above, Pope Francis asks "Don't we all want a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our love ones?" When we ask ourselves "What Would Jesus Do?" we quickly see that our response should be one of welcoming and responding to their situation.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018.

ABSTINENCE: Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

FAST: Everyone between 18 and 59 years of age is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin articles for the Easter Sunday bulletin (April 1st) are due *on or before 9:00 am Friday, March 23rd*. Thank you for your cooperation!



MINISTER HOLY WEEK SIGN-UP The sign-up sheet for Holy Week is available at the Mass Coordinator's stand in the back of church. There are many opportunities for you to be part of the holiest liturgies of the year. Please take a moment to consider your schedule and volunteer where you can. Note that ministers for Easter Sunday, April 1st, are assigned in the regular Ministry Schedule. If you were assigned but will not be available Easter Sunday, please remember to arrange for a substitute.

March 24 - March 25: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Eucharistic Minister	John Brennan - 1W Linda Schmidt - 2W Gene Mitchell - 3W Mathew Power - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Tim Kennedy - 1B Penny Cooper - 2B Sean Bartlett - 3B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 4B Kathryn Gebhardt - 5B	Eileen Kuchar - 1W Marianne Stremsterfer - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Harold Pettinger - 1B Nancy Ray - 3B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 5B	Cynthia Hitchcock - 1W Beth Murphy - 2W Debra Geist - 3W Mary Lynn Mizeur - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Mike Geist - 1B Bev Burmeister - 2B NOT FILLED - 3B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 4B NOT FILLED - 5B
Lector	Rita Havrilka Laura O'Neill	Patrick O'Donnell Pat Rolens Pettinger	Lois Jirgal Lynne Wooden
Greeter	Mary Faxon - 1D Barb Sams - 2D Paul R. Mueller - 3D Dianne Grey - 4D	Leanne Hopwood - 1D Vera O'Donnell - 2D Jan Haines - 3D Diane Best - 4D	NOT FILLED - 1D NOT FILLED - 2D NOT FILLED - 3D Sharon Schmitt - 4D
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Cory Judy Mueller	Sr. Trudy O'Connor NOT FILLED	Gloria Humphries Henry Humphries
Altar Server	Grace Ayilisungu Wesley Koontz Liah O'Neill	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lisa Sabo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED



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<u>Week 37 of fiscal year</u>	<u>3/11/2018</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Budgeted	\$ 10,385.57	\$384,266.09
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,903.00	\$289,767.55
5th Week	\$ 205.00	\$ 15,311.00
Automated Giving	\$	\$ 27,380.97
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,277.57)	\$(51,806.57)



**Music for 5th Sunday of Lent Masses,
March 18, 2018
10:30 w/ Choir**

Gathering: 'Penitential Rite'; Psalm 51: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God' by Bob Hurd, #772; 'Lenten Gospel Acclamation' from Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan; Presentation: 'Renew Me, Lord' by Farrell, #645; Mass of Spirit and Grace 'Holy', Acc of Faith 'When we eat this bread', 'Amen' & 'Lamb of God' #931, 933, 935 & 936; Communion: 'Take and Eat' by Michael Joncas, #361; Sending Forth: 'In These Days of' by Manalo, #127.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1-39]

Good News Reflection

Passion (Palm) Sunday
 March 25, 2018

Your gift to Jesus

For Palm Sunday, before we get caught up in the Passion of the Cross -- the hardships and sufferings and death of Jesus that he endured because of his tremendous love for us -- let's take a look at the passion of the woman who anointed Jesus with perfume.

In those days, there were no deodorants and indoor plumbing for taking showers to get rid of body odors caused by the hot, sweaty climate. And bath-houses were not readily available for everyone. So people made perfumes. After creating a mixture of oils and herbs, they let it sit in a jar to ferment. The longer they stored it, the more potent -- and valuable -- it became.

For the perfume in this scripture to be a "costly" gift for Jesus, it must have been fermenting for a very long time.

When we want to give someone a gift, we usually head to the store to buy something new. Right? But our most precious possessions are those that have been important to us for many years. Giving them to others feels like a very huge sacrifice.

What do you hold onto because it means so much to you? What has been fermenting in value because you've had it for such a long time?

Can you imagine giving it away? Most of us couldn't do it unless we feel very passionate about the person to whom we give it. The giving has to be more valuable than the keeping. This happens only because of love.

How passionate do you feel about Jesus? What's so precious to you that it's hard to let go of -- something that he'd appreciate receiving from you? Are you willing to sacrifice this because of the love you feel for him? Do you feel *that* much love for him?

In other words, what's in your alabaster jar? Are you ready to pour it out to Jesus, freely and generously?

Think about what he poured out for you so freely and generously. Think about this all week, at Mass on Holy Thursday, and on Good Friday, and in the tomb-like quiet of Holy Saturday.

And again, ask yourself: "What's so precious that it's hard to let go of -- something that Jesus would appreciate receiving?" And then give it to him before the week ends; he will give you a new victory on Easter.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Prayerfully imagine yourself sitting at the feet of Jesus. Knowing what Holy Week is all about and the sacrifice he made for you on the Cross, how do you feel about him? What gift can you give him as a thank-you? Nothing seems good enough, but what's so precious to you that anointing Jesus with it will be a gift of sacrificial love?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What's in your alabaster jar? What talents or treasures or wisdom have you stored up, saved, protected, and developed, or what have you put on a shelf and forgotten about? As we prepare for Good Friday, come up with ideas on how to offer these saved-up gifts to Jesus. Why are these gifts like perfume to Jesus?

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Holy Hour of Adoration Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Please return this form in the collection basket. We are honored to pray for your specific needs.

OTHER PARISHES AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE

CALVARY CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP – Please remove **ALL** decorations that you would like to save by March 18th. Cemetery staff will remove **ALL** remaining decorations during the period of March 19th-31st. Decorations may be replaced beginning April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the cemetery office at 523-3726. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our cemetery well-kept and beautiful.

Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women - Wed., Mar. 21, 2018, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Church of the Little Flower will host the Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women meeting. The meeting will focus on sharing of happenings in your parish, deanery, diocese and National DCCW and its relationship to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). In order to have enough hand-outs, if you plan to attend, please contact Sue Warner at sue-warner@juno.com or 217-789-0373, President of the Springfield Deanery DCCW. All are welcome to stay for Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross and soup supper.

Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Rosary and Pro-Life Stations of the Cross, St. Agnes Parish, Springfield, 9:00 am. Come and pray for an end to abortion. For flyer and further information go to the following website: www.dio.org/plasm/events.html.

2018 Dominican Faith Camp Registration Now Open - It is time for girls entering 6-9 grade in the fall to register for Dominican Sisters' Faith Camp, scheduled July 8-10, 2018, at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. Space is limited, so register early for crafts, games, and interaction with the sisters in a welcoming Catholic environment. The girls have time for prayer, study, and Christian service as well as typical camp activities like crafting and swimming. A \$50 registration fee includes a copy of The Catholic Youth Prayer Book for each camper to take home. Registration forms are available at SpringfieldOP.org/FaithCamp or from Sister Teresa Marron, OP, at 217-787-0481.

A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: "Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.... The Father of Mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation" (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS The annual Good Friday Way of the Cross for Peace and Justice will be held on March 30, 2018 beginning at noon at the Supreme Court Building, 2nd & Capitol. The 1.5 hour prayerful walk remembers Jesus' passion and its connection with the sufferings of injustice experienced in God's people in our world today. Join with others in this ecumenical experience of prayer. The walk is sponsored by Pax Christi Springfield, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield Dominican Sisters, and Church of the Brethren. For more information, call/text 217-652-3567 or contact susaneby5@gmail.com. Alternate location if raining – Little Flower Church, 800 Stevenson Drive.

Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day is a one-woman play about Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. This moving, dramatic production incorporates all the wit and prophetic grit of Dorothy's own words about war, peace, American society, compassion and protest in the Spirit of Jesus. Hailed in Sojourners magazine as a "wonderfully uplifting theater experience," this acclaimed production has been touring the U.S. since 1990 and will be stopping in Springfield for one night only-- Saturday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Christ the King Parish Center. Tickets are \$20 each, with proceeds to benefit Christ the King Parish. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit Helping Hands of Springfield. Tickets may be purchased at: ctkparish.com

Adult Confirmation at Pentecost - Bishop Paprocki invites Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed (i.e., who have received catechetical formation and the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist) to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Confirmation of catechized Catholics will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018. The registration form along with an original baptismal certificate should be returned to the Office for Catechesis by May 10, 2018. Please speak with your pastor for further information.

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