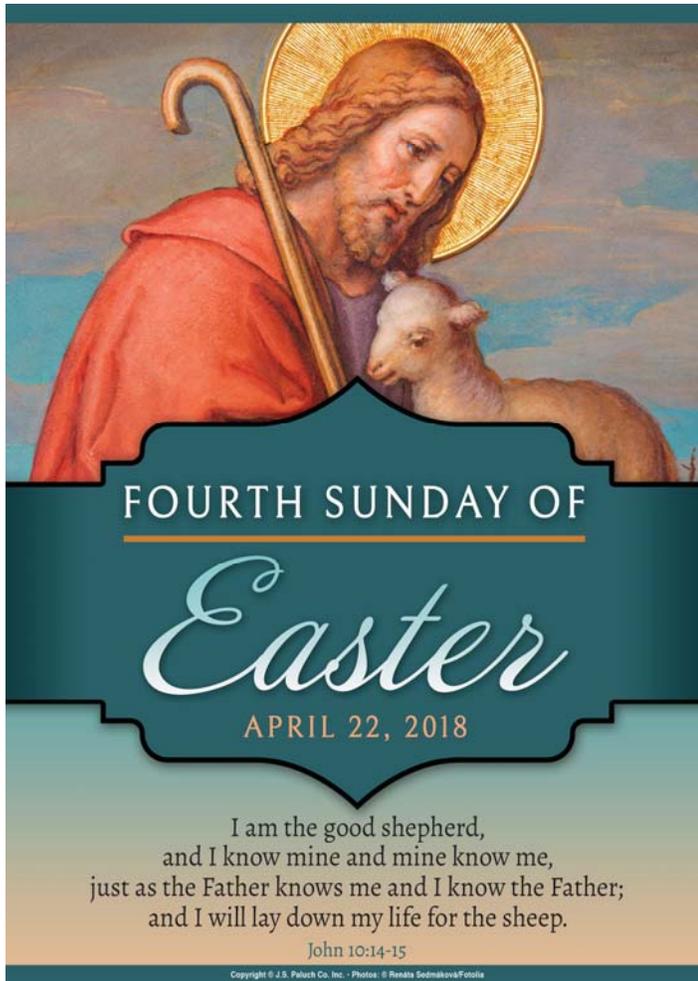


# St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Hours:**  
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.



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## 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](mailto: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

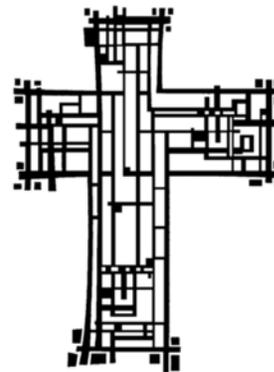
### Choir

**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

Apr. 21 - Apr. 22, 2018

Sat. 4:30 pm †Ann Havenar  
†Kay Harrison  
†Malcolm & Mary Grant  
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph  
10:30 am †Justine Claunch  
Frank & Agnes Moscardelli

## Masses for this Week

Apr. 23 - Apr. 29, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph  
Tue. 7:00 am †Donna Dodson  
Wed. 5:30 pm †Dorothy Iocca  
Thu. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph  
Sat. 4:30 pm †Lawrence Szymanski  
†Harold & Madelyn Carter  
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph  
10:30 am †Paul Puckel



## This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Apr. 23

5:30 pm Liturgy Committee  
6:30 pm CFF

Wednesday, Apr. 25

11:30 am PEP Club  
6:15 pm Parish Council

Thursday, Apr. 26

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration  
6:30 pm Choir practice

Saturday, Apr. 28

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Apr. 29

9:30 am Music Practice

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

*"The Father Loves me, because I lay down  
my life in order to take it up again."*

There is no name other than the name of Jesus that brings salvation. In the first reading, Peter highlights the cure of the man with a handicap as the proof. While in the second reading, John speaks of the singular love of God that transforms us to be like Him. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

How big is the sheep community? Jesus makes explicit references to other sheep that are also his, but do not necessarily belong to "this" fold, but whom he must lead as well so that finally there shall be one sheep and one shepherd.

The redeeming name of Jesus is meant not just for a small group of Christians or the so-called "good", but for the entire world. The singular love of God cannot be limited to a select few but flows into the hearts of all. Brothers and sisters, it is not God who rejects us, but we who reject God and one another in the name of God and creed. Perhaps becoming like God demands that we conform to the heart of the Shepherd who cares for all the sheep.

Jesus did not care whether he was protecting a single injured lamb or nursing a valuable pregnant ewe or protecting an entire flock of sheep from predators. In just the same way we too, might be in-charge of a small or a big family, a large or a downsized company, a few people around us or hundreds of workers or companions.

But the truth is, we are called to be like Jesus, the Good Shepherd – in profound unity and with much concern for the good of others, proven by the way we give our lives and not by the way we protect our own interests. As Good Shepherd, Jesus challenges us every day to be like him in loving and leading others to the Father. In his mercy, we want to be truly like him and follow his example.

God bless us all.

*Fr. Manny*

The **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** is collecting items to share with Mothers and Babies/Toddlers in need of assistance during the three weekends leading up to Mother's Day. We ask that any clothing items, for mothers and their little ones, be new or gently used. Oval baskets for these items will be at each of the entrances for your donations during the following three weekends: 4/21-22, 4/28-29, 5/5-6, so that delivery to the agencies can be done prior to Mother's Day. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Envelopes marked Mother-Baby Fund may be placed in the offertory collection basket. (Checks should be made out to St. Joseph's and designated Mother-Baby Fund.) Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. Please call Sister Trudy at 217-303-9590 for any questions. Here are some items that are most needed by the Pregnancy Center right now: Newborn Onesies, Newborn Diapers, Wipes, Newborn Socks, Newborn Sleepers, Receiving Blankets, Breast Pads, Adult Shampoo and Conditioner, Adult Body Wash and Lotion, Toothpaste.



*Rest in Peace*

**Verna Behl**

*(stepmother of Ken Behl)*

**PEP Club**

The next PEP Club will be on *Wednesday, April 25th at 11:30 a.m.* in the Parish Hall.



**WILL YOU GIVE?**



[www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)

[impact@mvrbc.org](mailto:impact@mvrbc.org) | (800) 747-5401

St. Joseph Parish **Blood Drive**, Saturday, May 12, 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Bloodmobile  
 More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year. Oftentimes, they receive blood and/or platelets as part of their treatment, so when you give you could be helping some of the littlest patients.

**Will you donate?**

To register go to: [https://www.bloodcenterimpact.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/73802](https://www.bloodcenterimpact.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/73802), or call the Blood Center at 217-241-7550, or Diane Mounce will be available to help people sign up after masses.

**Thank you in advance for your donation. Patients are counting on it.**

our parish uses



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for online donations

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or click on the Give Central link on our website: [stjoseph.dio.org](http://stjoseph.dio.org)



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Office of the Bishop

April 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here in the United States there is a great need for spreading the Gospel and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. The Church at home needs to be strengthened and fortified. Soon, as a diocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), which supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are scattered and struggling.

An example of such a diocese is the Diocese of Pueblo. There are only 44 priests and 45 deacons available to serve the needs of over 64,000 Catholics. The diocese is primarily rural, covering the entire southern half of the state of Colorado, and the priest shortage is felt very strongly there. But with your support of CHMA, the Diocese of Pueblo offers lay ministry training programs. This training will provide ministers to serve the most isolated parishes and offer spiritual support for Catholics in the diocese.

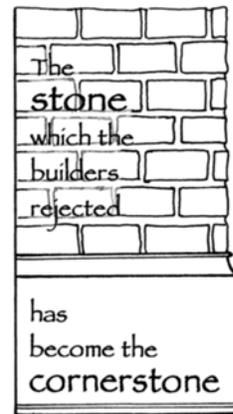
Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

**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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**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](http://www.dio.org/synod).

**April 28 - April 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Tim Kennedy - 1W Patricia Green - 2W John Brennan - 3W Chris Malmevik - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W John Malmevik - 1B Linda Schmidt - 2B Laura Neale - 3B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 4B Mathew Power - 5B	Patrick Derhake - 1W Marianne Stremsterfer - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Sean Bartlett - 1B Tom Niedzielski - 3B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 5B	Beth Murphy - 1W <b>NOT FILLED</b> - 2W Sr. Trudy O'Connor - 3W Caitlin Torrence - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Bev Burmeister - 1B <b>NOT FILLED</b> - 2B Debra Geist - 3B Mary Lynn Mizeur - 4B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 5B
<b>Lector</b>	Mary-Jo Gardiner Laura O'Neill	Sr. Mary Beth Culnan Bobbi Ozanic	Mike Geist Sam Mounce
<b>Greeter</b>	Mary Faxon - 1D Kathy Cory - 2D Judy Mueller - 3D Paul R. Mueller - 4D	Bob Haley - 1D Lisa Haley - 2D Diane Best - 3D Jane Niedzielski - 4D	Mary Bonner - 1D <b>NOT FILLED</b> - 2D <b>NOT FILLED</b> - 3D Sharon Schmitt - 4D
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Penny Cooper Karen Siciliano	Pat Noel Elizabeth Simpson	Eileen Kuchar <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Liah O'Neill Chelsea Rhodes Noah Ritter	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Lisa Sabo <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>



## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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<u>Week 42 of fiscal year</u>	<u>4/15/2018</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Budgeted	\$ 10,385.57	\$436,193.94
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,035.00	\$333,724.00
5th Week	\$ 51.00	\$ 17,005.00
Automated Giving	\$	\$ 30,772.62
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (3,299.57)	\$(54,692.32)

**The Bishop Griffin Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets to a Meat Raffle** in the back of church to fund charitable activities. \$5.00 donation per ticket. The drawing will be held June 12th. Need not be present to win. *First Prize:* 4 each T-bone steaks, Ribeye steaks, New York strips, Top Sirloin steaks and Butterfly Chops. *Second Prize:* 2 each. *Third Prize:* 8 bacon wrapped filets and 4 American cut pork chops.

**Prayer Initiative- Pray the Rosary Daily - YOU ARE INVITED to join others in praying the rosary daily in your own home on your phone at 3:30 p.m. CST.** Call in number: 515-739-1233. Access Code: 840731# After entering, you will be prompted to say your name. Please note: This is not a toll-free number. If you have a limited call plan, you may be charged by your service provider if you exceed the time limit on your call plan.



**While at Prayer**, please remember the people who are in the hospitals and nursing homes. Also the people who are shut-ins and those who live alone.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

## Good News Reflection

5th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

### How God stops evil

As we see in next Sunday's Gospel reading, all of us who belong to Christ are fruit-bearing branches of one vine. Jesus is the vine, and because we are all attached to him, we share the same calling: to bear good fruit. And not just any fruit that seems good, but the same fruit that Jesus produced.

However, most of us underestimate how important this is! You are more valuable than you know. God wants you to produce Christ's fruit – and more of it. Today too many Christians are settling for mediocrity. As long as we get some personal satisfaction from being Christian, we feel all too easily satisfied. As long as we're helping some people with our kindness or generosity or love, we think God is satisfied with the good fruits we're producing.

Have you ever asked why there's so much evil in the world? Why doesn't God raise his almighty hand against war, against corruption in government, against the greed of high-salaried managers who lay off their employees while giving themselves huge bonuses, against the perpetrators of physical and emotional abuse, against legislation that discriminates against Christian faith, against rising crime rates, or against any evil that's corrupting our world?

Why doesn't God do something?

Actually, *he does!* However, he does it the same way he grows grapes. The life-force of the vine (Jesus) travels through the vine to the little twigs (you and me and all Christians) that hold the grapes. The more open we are to receiving nourishment from Christ, the more fruit Jesus produces through us. But the grapes are not supposed to stay there!

We're nourished by Christ in order to take his fruits abundantly out into the world. We must grow strong and healthy, branch out, and use everything we've received from Christ for the sake of others.

Evil is stopped to the extent that we Christians continue Christ's earthly ministry. Victory over evil comes from Christ, that is, *through* us from Christ. Holiness in the world comes from Christ's Holy Spirit actively transforming it through our holiness.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are you doing everything you can to grow the best grapes on your branch of Christ's vine? How healthy is your connection to Christ? What in your life needs to be pruned off because it's not producing full, abundant fruit?

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the things we do that fertilize the vineyard. What has helped your branch grow stronger and bear more fruit? How does ignoring the need to prune ourselves hinder the growth of good fruit -- evil-defeating good fruit?

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# Holy Hour of Adoration Prayer Request

*Please pray for:*

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

## OTHER PARISHES AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**Attention Young Adults!** The Forge is a Springfield based young adult Catholic ministry that strives to bring young adults into an encounter with Jesus and authentic Christian community. All young adults are welcome. More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com>, email contact: Andrew Hansen: andrewhansen1@yahoo.com. This month:

**Men's Bible Study:** Monday, April 23 at 7:00pm - Engrained Brewery

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday, April 24 (TBD - check The Forge Facebook page as it gets closer)

**BIG SPRING SOCIAL:** Saturday, April 28 at 5:00pm at the Cathedral AND Sunday, April 29 at 6:00pm at the Cathedral (come one day or both days!)

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**Public Open House:** Following a major renovation, Sacred Heart Church in Virden (722 N. Springfield Street, Virden, IL) is hosting a Public Open House on Sunday, April 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be a tour and reception as well as a children's area. Memorabilia will be available for purchase. Come and see the artistic work of Max Autenrieb Church Interior Decorators! For more information, [www.sacredheartvirden.com](http://www.sacredheartvirden.com).

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**National Day of Prayer and Protest Against Planned Parenthood,** Saturday, April 28th, 12 noon, Illinois State Capitol Building, Lincoln Statue, Springfield. (In case of rain, we'll move into rotunda). We must speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves! Join us to stand up for God's precious unborn children! For more information contact Terri at 217-685-3413 or Claudia at 217-836-0517. Sponsored nationally by Pro-Life Action League. Sponsored locally by Springfield Pro-Life Action Committee.

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**Totus Tuus Team Applications** - Applications for staff for the summer 2018 Totus Tuus season in the diocese are now being accepted. Totus Tuus hires college students and seminarians to staff teams that will travel throughout this diocese and neighboring dioceses over the course of the summer to present the Totus Tuus program with students in 1st through 12th grades. There is a 10-day training program that starts on May 30 at Villa Maria. The commitment is through July 28 with a break over the week of the Independence Day holiday. For more information about the role of the summer staff or to bring Totus Tuus to your parish, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or visit <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/staff-information.html>.

**CATHOLIC TRAVEL INFORMATION NIGHT** St. Mary's Parish in Belleville will host a free presentation about Catholic travel and pilgrimages on April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the school. Faith-based travel is a perfect combination of inspiration and fellowship, an opportunity to explore the roots of faith and stand in the very places where events from Scripture actually occurred. Featured topics by religious travel specialists will include Marian Shrines such as Lourdes and Fatima, the Vatican and Shrines of Italy, the upcoming renowned Oberammergau Passion Play that has been performed every 10 years since the 1600s, and more. Refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, call 618-394-9763 or email [greatestscapesctt@charter.net](mailto:greatestscapesctt@charter.net).

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**"Moving Forward" a fundraiser to benefit Helping Hands of Springfield,** Thursday, May 3rd, Inn at 835, Springfield. Tickets \$50, doors open at 5:30 p.m., "comfort food" cuisine, complimentary drink ticket, silent and live auction, music and video entertainment. Call 217-522-0048, ext. 5 for tickets.

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**The Fatima Pilgrimage** will take place at 3 pm Sunday, May 6th at Blessed Sacrament Church in Springfield. Speaker is Fr. Wayne Stock. See Catholic Times for details.

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**2nd Annual Pray for the Cure** - a community-wide evening prayer/worship service dedicated to praying for a cure for breast cancer, healthcare providers and those affected by breast cancer in any way. Organized by breast cancer survivors and supporters. All are encouraged to attend Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Living Water Church, 2901 Sangamon Ave nue in Springfield., IL. Cheryl 217-652-5000.

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**Save the Date** - The 2018 Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference (DAEC) will be held this year on Sunday, September 30 and Monday, October 1 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, Decatur, Illinois. The theme is "Who Do You Say That I Am?" Registration will begin July 1. For up-to-date information visit our website: <https://www.dio.org/catechesis/daec>.

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