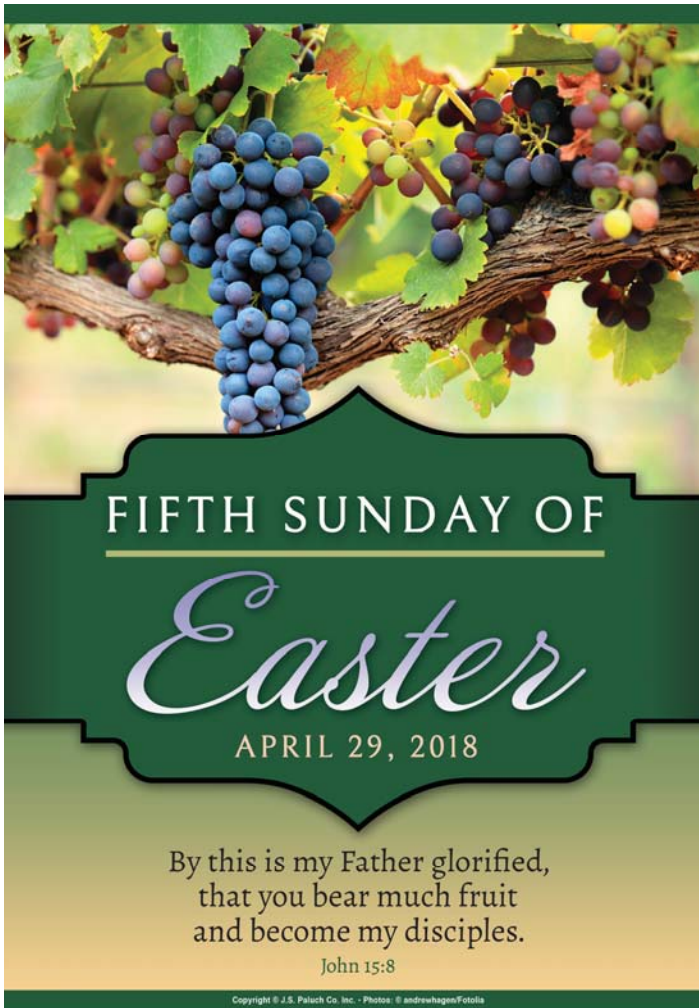


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Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 - Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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.



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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 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

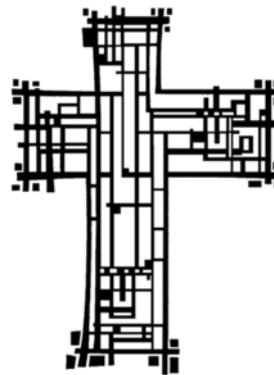
Choir

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. 28 - Apr. 29, 2018

Sat. 4:30 pm †Lawrence Szymanski
†Harold & Madelyn Carter
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Paul Puckel

Masses for this Week

Apr. 30 - May 6, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am †Lawrence Szymanski
Tue. 7:00 am †Virginia Vose
Wed. 5:30 pm People of St. Joseph
Thu. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Sat. 4:30 pm †Teresa Mueller
†Francesco Porrovecchio
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Allen Aherin
†Pat Ryan



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Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Apr. 30

6:30 pm CFF

Thursday, May 3

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

6:30 pm Choir practice

Saturday, May 5

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, May 6

9:30 am Music Practice

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

*"The branch cannot bear fruit by itself,
But has to remain part of the vine..."*

In our first reading for Sunday, Saul (Paul) increasing in strength and fortitude, is preaching the truth that Jesus is the Christ. Barnabas brings him to the Apostles explaining that they need not fear, Saul indeed converted. Christ wins Saul over and Saul becomes a firm believer of the Risen Lord. In the second reading, John invites all the Christians to love in truth and in deed. Also, he challenges us that our love must be seen in deed and reminds us that our hearts are known by the Father. In our Gospel today, Jesus is telling us that He is the vine and the Father is the vine grower. If we abide in Jesus, the true vine, we shall become his branches and produce much fruit worthy of God.

Unlike many other plants, the vine and its branches share a special, unique relationship – you never identify where the stems of the vine end and a branch begins. It is as if the stem is the branch. Hence, the metaphor of vine and the branches brings out a unique relationship between Jesus and us: for those who abide in him, one can never know where Christ ends and begins. The truth is, in those who truly abide in Christ, it is Christ all the way. St. Paul said, "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (*Gal.2:20*).

Brothers and sisters, Jesus teaches us to stay connected always to the Father, through whom all good things come. The image of the vine and the branches is a clear reminder of our dependence on God for our every breath. If we want and hope to bear much good fruit in this world, we must stay close and connected to the source of all goodness – God himself.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny

WILL YOU GIVE?



www.bloodcenter.org

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, 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.

The **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** is collecting items to share with Mothers and Babies/Toddlers in need of assistance. We ask that any clothing items, for mothers and their little ones, be new or gently used. Oval baskets for these items are at each of the entrances for your donations during the weekends of 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. Items most needed by the Pregnancy Center: 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

Dana Louise Homer

(sister of Ken Behl)



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VBS 2018 (kids K-5)

This year's theme is
Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose

SAVE THE DATE: June 18-22

Registration will open soon.

High school teenagers, young adults and retired parishioners who would like to help are needed. Come gain experience and friends! Protecting God's People background required. Contact Sr. Mary Ellen at the parish office.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today!

Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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.



2018 Dominican Faith Camp Registration Now Open

- There is still 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 now 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.

May 5 - May 6: Sixth Sunday of Easter

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Sr. Trudy O'Connor - 1W Rita Havrilka - 2W Marjorie Schwager - 3W Tim Kennedy - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Fr. Manny Cuizon - 1B Kathryn Gebhardt - 2B Penny Cooper - 3B Sean Bartlett - 4B Maryann Walker - 5B	Nancy Ray - 1W Eileen Kuchar - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Fr. Manny Cuizon - 1B Gary Schmidt - 3B Marianne Stremsterfer - 5B	Bev Burmeister - 1W Mary Lynn Mizeur - 2W Caitlin Torrence - 3W Sharon Schmitt - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Fr. Manny Cuizon - 1B Beth Murphy - 2B Mike Geist - 3B Debra Geist - 4B NOT FILLED - 5B
Lector	Carol Greenwood Laura O'Neill	Barbara Schmidt Margi Sgro	Diane Mounce Lynne Wooden
Greeter	Mary Faxon - 1D Barb Sams - 2D Judy Mueller - 3D Paul R. Mueller - 4D	Donna Holmes - 1D Elizabeth Simpson - 2D Jan Haines - 3D Tom Niedzielski - 4D	Mary Bonner - 1D NOT FILLED - 2D Josh Grey - 3D Dianne Grey - 4D
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Cory Karen Siciliano	Sr. Mary Ellen Backes Pat Noel	Gloria Humphries Henry Humphries
Altar Server	Wesley Koontz Liah O'Neill Chelsea Rhodes	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lisa Sabo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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<u>Week 43 of fiscal year</u>	<u>4/22/2018</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Budgeted	\$ 10,385.57	\$446,579.51
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,918.45	\$339,642.45
5th Week	\$ 150.00	\$ 17,155.00
Automated Giving	\$ 3,376.33	\$ 34,148.95
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (940.79)	\$(55,633.11)

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Good News Reflection

6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

How to be a good friend of Jesus

Servanthood is the mark of true Christian living. Jesus emphasized this during the Last Supper, saying that he came not to be served, but to serve, and that likewise we should serve one another. In his parables, he often referred to believers as "servants" of the Kingdom. But in next Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that he wants us to be his *friends*, not his slaves. Is he contradicting himself?

Not at all! Friends serve because they care. Slaves serve because of duty and the fear of punishment.

Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Do we hear this as a friend or as a slave?

Slaves are afraid of what will happen if they fail to keep God's commandments; they are self-protective. Friends are eager to find out what God commands, because they view the commandments from the perspective of love, as opportunities to serve; they are other-oriented.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another the way I love you." It's the supreme commandment; call it the Commandment of Friendship. He says, "You know how I love you, my friends: I openly share with you everything that the Father tells me." His friends realize that what he shares (through scripture *and* through the Church) reveals our opportunities to love. *Every* commandment is rooted in love. *Every* Church teaching is based on scriptures that help us know when and how to love.

When we fail to obey, do we lose God's love? Never! Do we lose our place in his love? Yes. By living outside of his commandments, we feel unloved even while being loved.

This is slavery. We're enslaved by fear or by false beliefs or by our wounds that have caused us to think that we're not loved enough. God's commandments then feel confining, and if we try to escape, we commit rebellion. Those who don't rebel accept their slavery and obey dutifully in the hope of winning God's love.

Friends, on the other hand, know that God always loves them, and in this love, they are free to serve one another joyfully.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are you obeying God like a slave or his best friend? Do you eagerly and happily jump into doing the will of God or do you complain about it? Do you ever want to escape from God's will? What will you do this week to become more aware of his friendship?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What raises our relationships with God from slavery into friendship? Describe the differences between obeying out of duty and obeying out of love. How do you define friendship with God?

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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

SHG Cheer Tryouts- SHG Cheerleading will be holding tryouts for the 2018-2019 school year from April 30th- May 4th, 4:30- 6:30 each day in the East Campus Gym. There will be a mandatory parent/cheerleader tryout meeting on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 in the East Campus Commons. Please email shgcheerleading@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Go Cyclones!

St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham invites you to their Annual Chicken Dinner & Silent Auction on Sunday, May 6, serving from 11:30am-5pm. Tickets available at the door for \$10 and includes ½ Grilled Chicken catered by Nelson's, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert. A One-of-a-Kind "The Mouse" quilt is also being raffled off at 5pm. Tickets can be purchased at the dinner: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds benefit St. Joe's teens attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Muskegon, MI. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.stjoschatham.org/chicken-dinner---silent-auction> or by calling the office at 483-3772.

"Moving Forward" a fundraiser to benefit Helping Hands of Springfield, Thursday, May 3rd, 5-8pm 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.

Chicken Dinner Coming up The Knights of Columbus #4175 North Council and the Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation will be hosting their 45th Annual Chicken Dinner Sunday, May 6th, 2018 from 11 AM to 7 PM. Tickets are \$11.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Eat in, take out and drive through are available. Adult dinners will include a ½ of a chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Cole slaw, a roll and a dessert. These are the same recipes people have come to love over the years. This is a joint effort between the Knights of Columbus #4175 and the Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation, The KC's provide volunteer labor and the venue at 2801 West St. on the north side of Springfield and the Foundation provides volunteer labor. As it takes more than 120 people to staff this event, neither group could do without the other. The proceeds are split between the two groups, going to charities supported by both. Last year, the Knights of Columbus awarded over \$12,000 in tuition assistance to elementary and secondary parochial students and the Foundation awarded around \$6,000. Chances are that a student you know benefited from these awards. For more information, contact: Martin Petterchak

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.

The multinational ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event is scheduled to happen on May 4, May 5, and May 6. The Rosary will be prayed for the following intention: for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. Register to be a participant by going to the website www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org.

Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness caused by an abortion - call our toll-free Project Rachel help-line for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land, Nov 26-Dec 7, 2018. Includes visits to Nazareth, Capernaum, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more! Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, VG. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html> or for more information, please contact Vicki Compton at (217) 698-8500. Space is limited. Register today!

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on June 1-3, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

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