

# St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

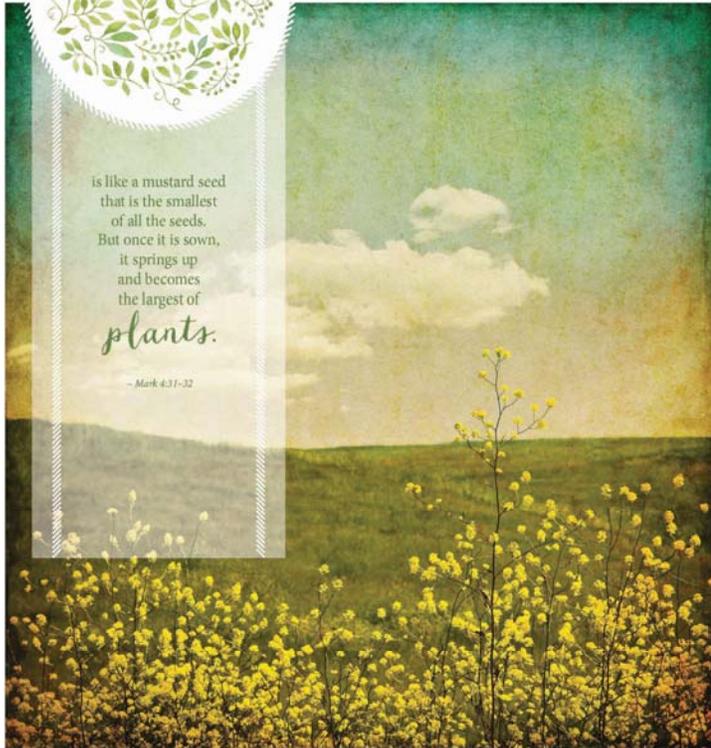
June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Kingdom of God*

is like a mustard seed  
that is the smallest  
of all the seeds.  
But once it is sown,  
it springs up  
and becomes  
the largest of  
*plants.*

— Mark 4:31-32



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## Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm  
Friday 8:30 - Noon (Summer Hours)

## 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 3:15-4:00 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 Sr. Martha Marie 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

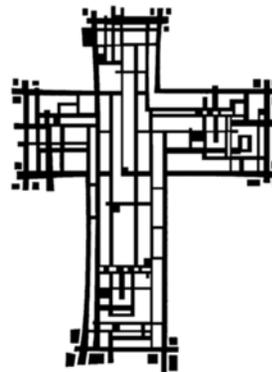
### Choir

**Director:** Paul Johnson

### 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

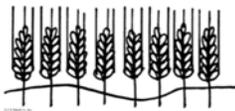
June 16 - June 17, 2018

Sat. 4:30 pm †Bill Gietl  
†Earl Kern  
†Francesco Porrovecchio  
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph  
10:30 am †St. Joseph Society

## Masses for this Week

June 18 - June 24, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am †Lawrence Szymanski  
Tue. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph  
Wed. 5:30 pm †Ann Huddleston  
Thu. 7:00 am †Simon Cory  
†David Lazzeri  
Sat. 4:30 pm †Christine Mueller  
†Paul A. Mueller  
†John Owens  
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph  
10:30 am †Justine Claunch



## This Week in Our Parish

Monday, June 18

8:30 am Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 19

8:30 am Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 20

8:30 am Vacation Bible School

5:15 pm Helping Hands

Thursday, June 21

8:30 am Vacation Bible School

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, June 22

8:30 am Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 23

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, June 24

9:30 am Music Practice

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

*"Whether he is asleep or awake,  
be it day or night,  
the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how."*

Our readings for this 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time focus on the dynamic of the kingdom of God. Ezekiel prophesies how God will raise up the weak and the insignificant and make them fruitful. God uses the image of a tender shoot that becomes a majestic cedar and bears much fruit as a way of promising his care for the people of Israel and us. St. Paul challenges all of us to do every day what pleases God and God alone. For the Kingdom of God works mysteriously and incrementally only to become the anchor for the entire life on earth. Jesus uses the parables of the sower and the seed, and the mustard seed, to explain how God's Kingdom works and grows among us.

Thus, the Kingdom is not a result of human enterprise, but it is God's handiwork. None of our efforts can actually produce the Kingdom, rather it is the invisible, mysterious unfolding of God's plan in His time, which will incrementally and eventually grow into its promised fullness. Our task is to be grateful witnesses and let the Kingdom unfold in and through us, though not necessarily by us.

As the psalmist urges us always to give thanks to the Lord and to sing of his kindness and faithfulness. For his loving presence is like a great cedar tree giving shade to those in need and fruit especially to those who hunger and thirst.

God bless us all.

*Fr. Manny*



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To honor the fathers of our parish, **A Father's Prayerbook** is available at each of the entrances this weekend for all fathers. This booklet contains beautiful artwork and prayers specific to the concerns of fathers and is published by the Leaflet Missal Company.

### PEP CLUB

The next PEP (People Enjoying People) Club will be June 27th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome for homemade chicken vegetable soup. Bring a small sandwich or desert if you wish. PEP Club will continue on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Sr. Mary Ellen & Gary Schmidt

At the invitation of the Diocesan Director for the Propagation of the Faith and within the framework of the Mission Cooperative Plan, **Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Fr. Sylvain Mbunsu Mbila, MSC will be here to talk to us at all the Masses on the weekend of July 7-8, 2018.** Mission appeals directly remind us that the Church is universal and missionary by nature and presents us with an opportunity to share in missionary work.

### ACTION ALERT iTunes Gift Cards Scam Alert

- It has been brought to the attention of our IT office that a scam is going around the country targeting Catholics with "Can you do a favor for a priest?" The way the scam works: someone makes up an email address that is approximate to a priest's name and then contacts ministers, staff and parishioners. The email contains a fake request from the priest asking that iTunes gift cards be sent to another address so they may be given to someone in need. It is very clever, because they are targeting faithful people who are typically generous people and using a public figure in the way of their pastor. For more information, please go to [www.patheos.com/blogs/deaconsbench/2018/06/action-alert-scam-from-priests-targeting-catholics/](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/deaconsbench/2018/06/action-alert-scam-from-priests-targeting-catholics/).

## St. Joseph Society

### Summer

Dick Atteberry  
 Bartolomucci & Kuchar Families  
 Batten-Wilkin Family  
 Larry L. Beck, Sr.  
 Robert Bernet  
 Bob Binetsch  
 Simon R. Cory  
 Simon S. & Helen Cory  
 Ed & Eddie Dahlkamp  
 Wayne & Ada Davenport  
 Dominican Sisters Deceased Members  
 Patricia Evanich  
 Ike & Evelyn Fanale  
 Gerding & Mayfield Families  
 Gillard & Schmidt Families  
 Malcolm & Mary Grant  
 John & Margaret Jannesse  
 George Jirgal, Jr.  
 George & Lucille Jirgal  
 Keefner Family  
 Earl & Theresa Kern  
 Robert A. Krotz  
 Mary F. Lavin  
 David & Mary Lazzeri  
 Hazel Madonia  
 Deceased Members of  
 Maurer & Ramirez Families  
 Steve & Albina Paszkiewicz  
 Chris Puckel  
 Paul Puckel  
 Sabo & Trello Families  
 Eva Schmidt  
 Richard Schuchmann  
 Ceil Sgro  
 Sam & Mary Sgro  
 Joseph & Lois Shaughnessy  
 Nel & Joop Spierings  
 Eleanore Sturm  
 Timoney & Carter Families  
 Tiskos & Koehl Families  
 Margaret & Joseph Usalis  
 Virginia Vose  
 Harold & Theresa Wassell  
 Mae Eva Wassell  
 Fred & Alvera Wiessing  
 John & Eleanora Yuskavich

our parish uses



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

**The Pastoral Council will welcome new members beginning in September 2018.** Please consider becoming a member of our Pastoral Council and help us to continue in our work with our Parochial Administrator to ensure parish life reflects the ministry and mission of Christ. The term for a council member is three years and the council meets once a month. If you think you might be interested, feel called to participate more fully in parish life or you know someone you would like to nominate, place your name or their names in an envelope marked Pastoral Council and place it in the Sunday collection basket. You may also contact Pam Johnson in the parish office. Nominations must be submitted by August 13 and will be considered at a special discernment session in late August.

The following Vision Statement was agreed upon by the Pastoral Council:

"St. Joseph Parish is a diverse, welcoming, Catholic Community committed to discipleship and stewardship."

The Pastoral Council invites your comments on the above Vision Statement.

Thanks,  
Tim Kennedy, Chair

**June 23 - June 24: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	John Malmevik - 1W Linda Schmidt - 2W Patricia Green - 3W Laura Neale - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Kathryn Gebhardt - 1B John Brennan - 2B Penny Cooper - 3B Fr. Manuel (Manny) Cuizon - 4B Chris Malmevik - 5B	Harold Pettinger - 1W Gary Schmidt - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Nancy Ray - 1B Fr. Manuel (Manny) Cuizon - 3B Sr. Mary Ellen Backes - 5B	Bev Burmeister - 1W Caitlin Torrence - 2W Beth Murphy - 3W <b>NOT FILLED</b> - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Debra Geist - 1B Sharon Schmitt - 2B Mike Geist - 3B Fr. Manuel (Manny) Cuizon - 4B Mary Lynn Mizeur - 5B
<b>Lector</b>	Rita Havrilka Theresa (Terri) M. Kean	Pat Rolens Pettinger Barbara Schmidt	Sam Mounce Diane Mounce
<b>Greeter</b>	Kathy Cory - 1D Paul R. Mueller - 2D Josh Grey - 3D Dianne Grey - 4D	Michael Heffern - 1D Donna Holmes - 2D Jan Haines - 3D Elizabeth Simpson - 4D	Mary Bonner - 1D <b>NOT FILLED</b> - 2D <b>NOT FILLED</b> - 3D Lois Jirgal - 4D
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Judy Mueller <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Pat Noel <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Sr. Trudy O'Connor <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Gloria Ayilisunger Grace Ayilisungu	Eileen Kuchar <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Lisa Sabo <b>NOT FILLED</b> Noah Ritter



## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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<b>Week 50 of fiscal year</b>	<b>6/10/2018</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Budgeted	\$ 10,385.57	\$519,278.50
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,192.85	\$390,248.91
5th Week	\$ 240.00	\$ 19,891.00
Automated Giving	\$	\$ 37,525.28
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,952.72)	\$(71,613.31)

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE:

**Spirit Hockey Camp is this week, June 18-20 for youth ages 7-17. We are now offering a reduced rate of only \$100 per child.**

Bishop Paprocki will be involved in leading this camp. Father Brian Alford, Father Dominic Rankin, Deacon Greg Parquette and seminarians Ryan Kehoe, Dominic Vahling and Troy Niemerg will assist him with the faith component. There will be a Catholic Family Night for the hockey campers and their parents and family members on Sunday evening, June 17, starting with Mass at 5:00 at St. Agnes Church in Springfield, followed by pizza. We will start each day at 8:15 with Mass on the rink at the Nelson Center and faith formation sessions throughout the day based on the Bishop's book, *Holy Goals for Body and Soul - Eight Steps to Connect Sports with God and Faith*. We will have some very capable coaches providing on-ice instruction including special guest appearances by Tyler Rynette, Head Coach of the Springfield Junior Blues, and former Chicago Blackhawks player Bill Gardner. Registration is online at SpiritHockey.org.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

## Good News Reflection

Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist  
June 24, 2018

### How are you like John the Baptist?

On the day that celebrates the birth of John the Baptist, look at how much you and John the Baptist are alike!

God assigned John's vocation to him at his birth and gave him his name while he was still in his mother's womb. The Lord did the same with you! Since the moment of your conception, even before you looked human and had a beating heart and a brain that could think, he named you as his precious child.

God gifted John with a sharp-edged sword, i.e., the ability to speak the truth (the sword of the Spirit), which cuts through the lies and deceptions of evil. He gave you the same gift during your baptism when you received the Holy Spirit.

God concealed John in the shadow of his arm, i.e., he protected him. No matter how difficult your life has been, and no matter how often you strayed from the Lord, you still belong to him. He is holding onto you.

Even though you sometimes toil in vain and your efforts to do God's work seem worthless, as if you've uselessly spent your strength, like John, your reward is with the Lord. He will reward you generously.

No matter how ugly you think you are, no matter if you are too short or too tall or diseased or malformed by a birth defect, you look glorious to the Lord, your Creator. The verses of next Sunday's responsorial Psalm confirm this: You are wonderfully made! Since the moment of your conception, your life has been precious and important.

As it was with John, God is your strength. And like John, what you think you can do is "too little" compared to what he knows you can do. He has a more important use for your gifts and talents and experiences and training. He wants to make his light shine through you! His salvation will reach others as long as you're willing to serve him.

What our Gospel reading next Sunday tells us of John is true of you also: You are God's child, growing and becoming strong in spirit. You have experienced the desert of hardships and training. Everything that has happened to you can become valuable and useful when you let God send you forth in service for his kingdom.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

Using Isaiah 49:1-6, how do the words reflect your own life? What is most surprising to you? Why? Do you see yourself as less useful to the kingdom of God than he sees you?

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

God has wonderfully made you and each member of your family or group. Tell each other at least one thing that is evidence that God made a masterpiece when he created him/her. How is this useful to God?

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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

**Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is Coming to St. Francis Xavier Church,** 506 South State Street in Jerseyville. This amazing exhibit can be viewed by the public Friday, June 19 from 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

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**Find Peace and Healing:** Pope Francis says, "God is always waiting for you." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Find information for the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat at [www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html](http://www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html), or call 217-321-1161. Scholarships are available.

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**Youth Sing Praise Presents *Godspell*** Join us Saturday, June 23rd at 7 p.m. for a fun, free evening of musical theater at the outdoor Amphitheater at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. Youth Sing Praise is proud to present *Godspell*. Performance will happen, rain or shine. Admission is free, and donations to support this ministry are welcome. For more information, visit [www.youthsingpraise.com](http://www.youthsingpraise.com).

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**Support Religious Liberty** Mark your Calendars! The public is invited to 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, June 24, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence, Springfield, IL with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki as celebrant. Following Mass in the Cathedral Atrium will be a complimentary brunch with patriot music performed by Mark Gifford and a short presentation on religious liberty. Don't miss this opportunity to pray for and act in support of religious liberty for our state, nation and abroad.

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**Companions on the Journey** is the name of a new lunch-time gathering beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup> for seniors to be held on the first Monday of each month. Our hope is to promote positive social connections, offer an array of speakers on relevant spiritual topics and to encourage people to enjoy the beautiful spaces at the Chiara Center. Following a delicious lunch, speakers will offer a 15-20 minute presentation and discussion period. Program Director Dan Frachey will speak on "*Who is this Francis from Assisi?*" Participants are then welcome to stay for the duration of the afternoon to walk the grounds or to visit any of the spaces such as the magnificent Church of St. Francis that characterize this as a place of peace and quiet reflection. We ask for a \$20.00 contribution to honor the support given by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis who sponsor the Chiara Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-523-0901 or sending an e-mail to [mrenfro@chiaracenter.org](mailto:mrenfro@chiaracenter.org).

**Pope's Choir from Sistine Chapel coming to Fox Theatre, St. Louis, MO July 9, 2018** The Pope's Choir from the Sistine Chapel is making their first US tour and will come to the Fabulous Fox in St Louis on Monday, July 9th at 7pm. St. Louis is one of only eight cities in the entire country selected for the choir's United States Tour, and this performance is a gift directly from the Vatican to the St. Louis region. As the world's oldest active choir, the group symbolizes the crossing of culture and faith through songs of peace and unity. Hearing the Pope's personal choir live in person is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate divine music and the human spirit.

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**The Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries,** along with the Immigration Project, is offering a Citizenship workshop at Christ the King Parish, Springfield on Saturday, July 14th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Information about the event can be found at the following link: <https://www.dio.org/plasm/events.html>.

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Are you looking for a way to let your spouse know that you love them? In the middle of carpools, work, household chores and sports - Share a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** TOGETHER as a way of giving an important gift to your spouse. Every marriage needs, and deserves, that kind of attention. The next weekends are Aug. 3-5 or Sep. 21-23, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to [www.stl-wwme](http://www.stl-wwme) or call 314.649.7317.

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