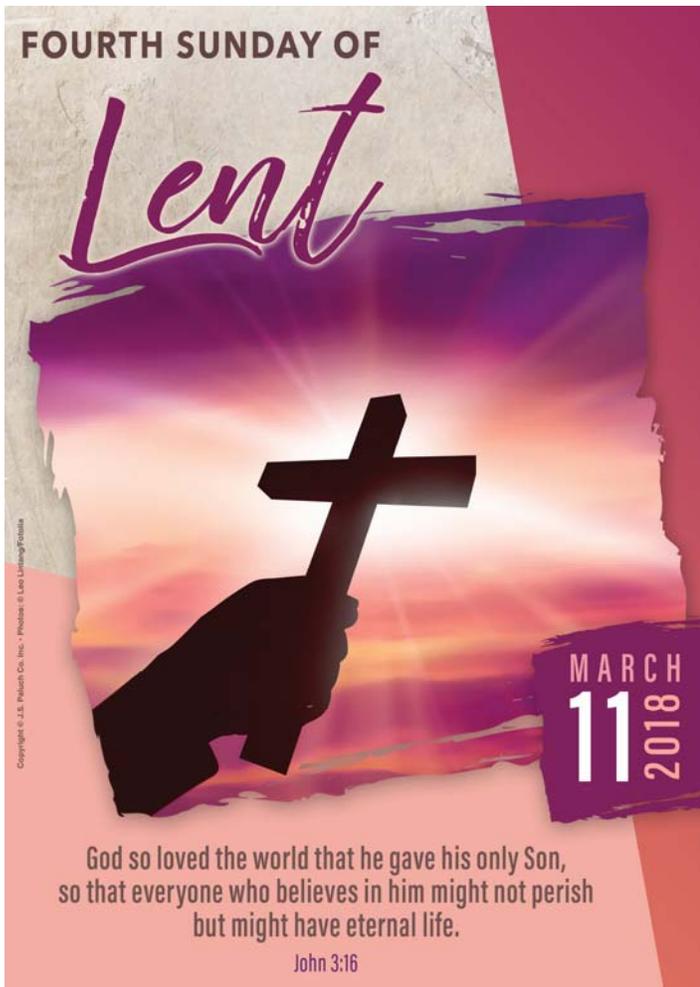


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Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 - Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

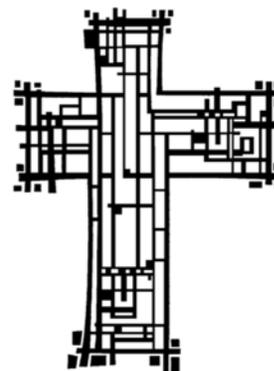
Choir

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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Worship Schedule & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions

Mar. 10 - Mar. 11, 2018

Sat. 4:30 pm †Bill Gietl
†Teresa Mueller

Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Evelyn Rapps

Masses for this Week

Mar. 12 - Mar. 18, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am †George, Lucille & George, Jr.
Jirgal

Tue. 7:00 am †Dwyer & Louise Leahy

Wed. 5:30 pm †Ann Huddleston

Thu. 7:00 am †Dorothy Iocca

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



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Mar. 12

6:30 pm CFF

Tuesday, Mar. 13

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 14

5:30 pm Social Concerns Committee

Thursday, Mar. 15

11:00 am Bible Study

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

6:15 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Choir practice

Friday, Mar. 16

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 17

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Mar. 18

9:30 am Music Practice

11:30 am St. Joseph's Table - gym

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

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son....”

Lights are very significant in John's gospel which we are hearing in these Lenten Sundays. In the midst of our busy days and many responsibilities, the Word of God calls us out of ourselves to leave behind self-absorption, weakness, despair and failure, and to move into the light of God's mercy, joy and covenant love.

This 4th Sunday of Lent, the theme of light and its absence is more important for us to reflect on. As Jesus tells Nicodemus, that everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light. So that his/her works might not be exposed. But whoever lives in the light of truth comes to the light. So that his works might be seen by others as clearly done in God.

Our gospel this Sunday reminds us that we might not be aware, that we are entering now into the period of enlightenment and purification of ourselves. It is a time and opportunity for us to enter in the Church through the sacrament of our baptism. The other name of baptism in ancient time was “enlightenment” or “purification.”

Brothers and sisters, during this Lenten season, those of us who are preparing for the sacrament of purifying their minds and hearts, let us examine our conscience and repent. By renewing our baptismal commitment and by putting into action our Lenten penance practices. Thus, Jesus speaks for the light in today's gospel reminding us to examine our Lenten commitment to prayer, fasting, and alms giving. All of these are meant to lead us in the light of the Easter Vigil.

Let us renew then, our resolve to spend time in prayer, to offer sacrifices of penance that purify our hearts and minds, and to share our resources with those in need, as we say in faith, “Speak to me, Lord.”

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny



St. Joseph Community Builders will host Hospitality Sunday for all parishioners after the Sunday Masses this weekend, March 11th.

Blood pressure screenings will also be held after Sunday Masses.



Rest in Peace

Leo Povse

Ernest Dodson

This week we are taking up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

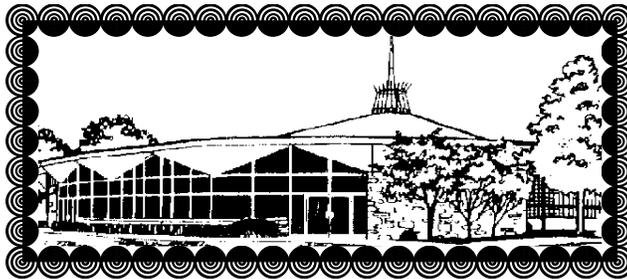
J.O.S.H.U.A. and SHG students will be here next weekend to kick-off this year's ***M&M's for Money and Missions***. Students will be handing out tubes of M&M's after each Mass. Thank you for your tremendous support these past few years.

Please join us for

St. Joseph's Table
a parish celebration

Sunday, March 18th
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Hall
Everyone Welcome

50th Anniversary



This year is the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the new church. The parish will provide the main dish and drinks. Sign up sheets for side dishes and to RSVP are in the back of church. Please call Linda at 971-9945 to volunteer to help with the celebration.

ENCOUNTER ANDRISE - We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsrice-bowl.org for more.



Holy Week Schedule

- Holy Thursday, March 29**
5:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday, March 30**
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

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.

**CFF LENTEN PROJECT:
BLESSING WITH WATER**



CFF children will continue collecting contributions for Water-With-Blessings. So far, we have collected over **\$1900.00!** That is 32 filtration systems!

Thank you for your generosity!

It costs \$60 to both empower and equip a Water Woman. That's state-of-the-art filtration equipment, and state-of-the-heart training with best-quality, best-practices materials.

Last year, St. Joseph CFF children and families, partnering with parishioners, were able to provide 50 filtration systems to families in 3rd world countries thus providing them with clean water. Waterwithblessings.org.

**Lenten Canned/ Non-Perishable
Collection**

Canned and non-perishable goods parishioners bring to the Lenten Masses will be shared with Holy Family Food Pantry, Kumler Food Collection and Helping Hands. Helpful items include: Baked Beans, Tomato Sauce, Broths, Mushroom Soup, Canned Potatoes, Egg Noodles and White Gravy Mix. Gift cards from Gordon Foods, Sam's Club or Shop and Save and Aldi's can be put into an envelope and marked "Lenten Food Collection." Sincere thanks for the generosity of our Parish Family in these social concerns projects.

Sr. Mary Ellen Backes, OSU

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.



We now have a new **sound system** designed to distribute sound evenly to all pews. If you are in a pew that does not seem to get good sound, please let the parish office know.

**EARLY BULLETIN
DEADLINES**

Bulletin articles for the March 25th issue (Palm Sunday) must be submitted to the parish office *on or before 9:00 am Friday, March 16th.*

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!

March 17 - March 18: Fifth Sunday of Lent

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Patricia Green - 1W Tim Kennedy - 2W John Malmevik - 3W Linda Schmidt - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Chris Malmevik - 1B John Brennan - 2B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 3B Mathew Power - 4B Cynthia Hitchcock - 5B	Sean Bartlett - 1W Elizabeth Simpson - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Harold Pettinger - 1B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 3B Nancy Ray - 5B	Bev Burmeister - 1W NOT FILLED - 2W Mary Lynn Mizeur - 3W Beth Murphy - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Caitlin Torrence - 1B Sr. Trudy O'Connor - 2B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 3B Lois Jirgal - 4B Debra Geist - 5B
Lector	Mary-Jo Gardiner Sr. Marcelline Koch, OP	Barbara Schmidt Marianne Stremsterfer	Mike Geist Sam Mounce
Greeter	Mary Faxon - 1D Paul R. Mueller - 2D Kathryn Gebhardt - 3D Kathy Cory - 4D	Jane Niedzielski - 1D Tom Niedzielski - 2D Michael Heffern - 3D Gary Schmidt - 4D	Mary Bonner - 1D Josh Grey - 2D Sharon Schmitt - 3D Dianne Grey - 4D
Mass Coordinator	Penny Cooper Rita Havrilka	Pat Noel NOT FILLED	Eileen Kuchar NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Kayleen Power Lleyton Power Noah Ritter	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lisa Sabo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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<u>Week 36 of fiscal year</u>	<u>3/4/2018</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Budgeted	\$ 10,385.57	\$373,880.52
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,853.50	\$281,864.55
5th Week	\$ 751.00	\$ 15,106.00
Automated Giving	\$	\$ 27,380.97
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (781.07)	\$(49,529.00)

Music for 4th Sunday of Lent Masses

March 11, 2018

Choir 10:30

Gathering: *'Penitential Rite'*; Psalm 137: *'Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you'* by Paul H. Johnson; *'Lenten Gospel Acclamation'* from Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan; Presentation: 4:30 & 8:30 *'Amazing Grace'* #433 / 10:30 *'Hold On To Love'* by Manibusan; Mass of Spirit and Grace *'Holy'*, Acc of Faith *'When we eat this bread'*, *'Amen'* & *'Lamb of God'* #931, 933, 935 & 936; Communion: *'Christ Be Our Light'* by Farrell, #596; Sending Forth: *'Stand By Me'* by Kendzia, #633.

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:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Good News Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

Do you feel troubled?

In our desire to trust God and follow Jesus wherever he leads us, it's not a sin to feel troubled about it.

Yes, we do have to be willing to lose our lives (i.e., our own agendas, our own desires, our own ideas on what we should do with our time, etc.) so that we can unite ourselves to Christ and his mission. However, we don't have to like the loss.

Next Sunday's Gospel reading shows us that Jesus felt troubled by the sacrifices he would have to make. Yes, even Jesus himself felt troubled! And the Father glorified him.

Jesus came to earth to reveal God's ways and God's love and lead us to heaven. Now we, his followers, are called, commissioned, and prepared by the Sacraments to reveal God's ways and God's love to those around us, so that Jesus can lead *them* to heaven. That is the mission, the purpose of being Church, for all of us -- laity as well as clergy.

The Sacrament of Baptism initiates us into this calling. Confirmation commissions us to do it. Confession enables us to do it better. Marriage and Holy Orders give us a venue for perfecting it. The Anointing of the Sick converts our illnesses into opportunities to bear witness to Christ's Passion. And the Eucharist unites us so fully to the Passion of Christ that we become what we are called to do.

This is our everyday ministry of evangelization: We love others as Jesus loves them, we do for them what Jesus would like to do for them, and we spread the good news about this as a continuation of the ministry of Jesus.

Often, this involves making difficult sacrifices and doing good to those who reject us and scourge us and crucify us or in any other way cause us to suffer. This is our unity with Christ, our Passion. We're not supposed to like it, but we are supposed to do it.

The Father honors us for this. Just like he glorified Jesus, he honors us with his compassion, his rewards, and his approval.

It's okay to feel troubled by the challenges we face in our mission. What keeps us going is knowing that God is raising us up. There is always resurrection after crucifixion.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What troubles are you facing? Where is Jesus in this? Is he ahead of you, leading the way? Are you following him? Rest with him for a little while and tell him your complaints. It's okay to get angry at him, if that's how you feel, as long as it's kept private, between you and him, so that it doesn't give the wrong witness to the people around you.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How do you feel hearing Jesus admit, "I am troubled now"? Does it make you more aware of his humanness? When you make sacrifices for others, how does this connect you more closely to the human heart of Jesus? How does the Father honor you as you serve in Christ's mission?

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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

The Faith Coalition for the Common Good will hold their annual breakfast fundraiser on Thursday, March 15 at Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe beginning at 7:00 am until 8:30 am. Melody Hulett of Pure Haven Family Resource Center is the main speaker. Although the breakfast is complimentary, the goal of the event is to increase FCCG revenue through participant donations to continue community action efforts through structured leader training of FCCG members. RSVP's may be made by calling 626-1004 or by emailing fccg2208@gmail.com.

SHG to Host Student Support Services Informational Gathering On Thursday, March 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will host an informational gathering for families who wish to learn about the various student support services that are offered at SHG. Attendees will meet the staff of the Learning Lab and the Writing Lab as well as parents of students who are receiving the services. The event will be held in the SHG Library, 1200 West Washington. Light refreshments will be served. No reservations needed. For more information, contact Jennifer Gronewold at gronewold@shg.org or 787-1595, ext. 112.

Table Prayer, The Loving Name of God

*A musical presentation of "TABLE PRAYER" by
Fr. Michael Joncas*

St. Joseph the Worker, 700 E. Spruce St., Chatham
Sunday, March 18th at 5:30 PM

A light meal of soup and bread will be served.

RSVP: 217-483-3772

Wed., Mar. 21, 3:00-5:00PM, Church of the Little Flower: **Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Meeting**. Sharing of happenings in your parish, deanery, diocese and National DCCW and its relationship to the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). In order to have enough hand-outs, if you plan to attend, please contact Sue Warner at suewarner@juno.com or 789-0373, President of the Springfield Deanery DCCW. Thank You.

Enjoy a Couple's Spiritual Get-Away, March 23-25, Villa Maria Conference and Retreat Center. Facilitated by Andrew and Terri Lyke, who focus on strengthening marriage in the African American Community. To register, call 217-321-1161, or go to: <https://www.dio.org/plasm/events.html>.

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-kempt and beautiful.

Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Rosary and Pro-Life Stations of the Cross, St. Agnes Parish, Springfield, 9 a.m. For flyer and further information go to the following website: <http://www.dio.org/plasm/events.html>.

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.

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