

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.



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

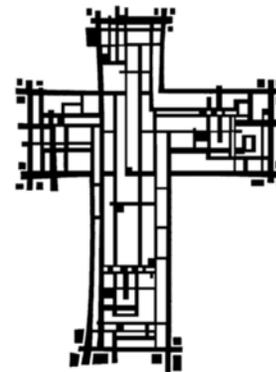
Choir

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. 31 - Apr. 1, 2018

Sat. 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8:30 am People of St. Joseph

10:30 am St. Joseph Society

Masses for this Week

Apr. 2 - Apr. 8, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am †Ernie Dodson

Tue. 7:00 am †Allen Miller

Wed. 5:30 pm †Ann Huddleston

Thu. 7:00 am †Marta S. Amerson

Sat. 4:30 pm †Ellen Dahlkamp

†Francesco Porrovecchio

Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph

10:30 am †Deceased Catholic Veterans



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This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Apr. 2

NO CFF

Thursday, Apr. 5

11:00 am Bible Study

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

6:15 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Choir practice

Saturday, Apr. 7

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Apr. 8

Hospitality Sunday

9:30 am Music Practice

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

The Easter Triduum is the most solemn celebration in the liturgical year when we commemorate the paschal mystery of Christ in which we participate through Baptism and Holy Eucharist. The renewal of baptismal promises on Easter Vigil and all the Masses on Easter Sunday culminates our Lenten observance. The sprinkling with holy water and the lighted candles in our hands evoke the most significant in our lives: our baptism when God claimed us as his sons and daughters.

The joy of the resurrection of Our Lord flows over to the next fifty days of the Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday. The chanting of the Alleluia and the lighted Paschal Candle keep alive our solemn and memorable celebration of the Easter vigil. The biblical readings and prefaces remind us that the risen Christ is always present among us and that we can recognize him in the proclaimed word and in the breaking of bread - the Eucharist.

Two important feasts unfold other aspects of Christ's resurrection: Ascension and Pentecost. After forty days Christ ascended into heaven bringing up with Him the redeemed human race. In a world oppressed by misery, the Ascension enlivens our hope that heaven is our final destination and home.

Seated at the right hand of the Father, Jesus Christ sent down the Holy Spirit upon the Church on the day of Pentecost. On this day the Holy Spirit sent forth the Apostles into the whole world to preach the gospel and to baptize the people. Pentecost is the culmination of Christ's death and resurrection. He ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit that would continue among us the work of salvation that he had begun. We exist in the era of the Holy Spirit. In some ways the sacrament of confirmation is likely our own Pentecost; for it is through this sacrament that the Holy Spirit anoints us to go forth and proclaim around us in word and in good example the gospel of the Risen Christ.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny

ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS RISEN.

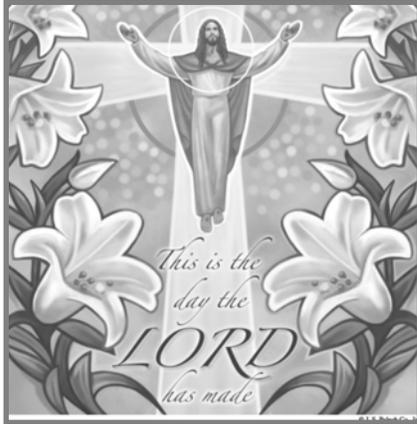
ALLELUIA!



Rest in Peace

Marta S. Amerson

(daughter of Mary (Dee) Amerson)



ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

CFF LENTEN PROJECT:



As of March 18th we have collected **\$2965.20!** That is 49 filtration systems! Thank you for your generosity!

For more information: Waterwithblessings.org.



St. Joseph Community Builders will host Hospitality Sunday for all parishioners after the Sunday Masses next weekend, April 8th.

Blood pressure screenings will also be held after Sunday Masses.



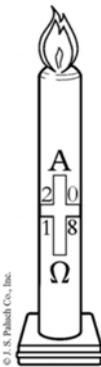
St. Joseph Society

Spring

- Dick Atteberry
- 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
- Gillard & Schmidt Families
- Malcolm & Mary Grant
- Dorothy & Jacob Halter
- Ann Huddleston
- John & Margaret Jannesse
- George Jirgal, Jr.
- George & Lucille Jirgal
- Keefner Family
- Earl & Theresa Kern
- John Don Kolaz
- Robert A. Krotz
- Mary Fran Lavin
- David Lazzeri
- Deceased Members of
 - Maurer & Ramirez Families
 - Mayfield & Gerding Families
 - Steve & Albina Paszkiewicz
 - The Pieper Family
 - Chris Puckel
 - Paul Puckel
 - Pat Ryan
 - Sabo & Trello Families
 - Schaddel Family
 - Richard Schuchmann
 - Ceil Sgro
 - Sam & Mary Sgro
 - Joseph & Lois Shaughnessy
 - Nel & Joop Spierings
 - Eleanore Sturm
 - Harold Sumpter
 - Timoney & Carter Families
 - Margaret & Joseph Usalis
 - Virginia Vose
 - Fred & Alvera Wiessing
 - John & Eleanora Yuskavich

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.

Members of the **Catholic War Veterans of the Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas Post #1916** will be at St. Joseph's at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on April 8th. After Mass they would be glad to answer questions regarding membership in their organization or for their Mass Program. Any Catholic veteran in good standing is eligible to join, regardless of when or where they served.



Ten Years of Blessing Mission Outreach 2018 World's Fair

Saturday, April 21 • Doors open at 6:00 PM

Tickets are \$125.00 per person and include: hors d'oeuvres, open bar and a three-course meal. For tickets or questions, please contact Mary Hofmann at mhofmann@mission-outreach.org or call 217.525.8843 to reserve your seat today!

Join us to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the World's Fair. Together we provide life-saving medical supplies and equipment to those in need.

6:00 PM Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
7:15 PM Dinner
8:40 PM Fund-A-Container for Africa

www.mission-outreach.org

April 7 - April 8: Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

| | 4:30 PM | 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
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| Eucharistic Minister | Linda Schmidt - 1W Kathryn Gebhardt - 2W Tim Kennedy - 3W John Malmevik - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Fr. Manny Cuizon - 1B Chris Malmevik - 2B Mathew Power - 3B Laura Neale - 4B Patricia Green - 5B | Gary Schmidt - 1W Harold Pettinger - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Fr. Manny Cuizon - 1B Eileen Kuchar - 3B Tom Niedzielski - 5B | Debra Geist - 1W Beth Murphy - 2W Bev Burmeister - 3W Sean Bartlett - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W NOT FILLED - 1B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 2B Sharon Schmitt - 3B Cynthia Hitchcock - 4B Mary Lynn Mizeur - 5B |
| Lector | Mary-Jo Gardiner Carol Greenwood | Pat Rolens Pettinger Barbara Schmidt | Mike Geist Margi Sgro |
| Greeter | Judy Mueller - 1D Kathy Cory - 2D Paul R. Mueller - 3D Josh Grey - 4D | Lisa Haley - 1D Bob Haley - 2D Elizabeth Simpson - 3D Diane Best - 4D | Mary Bonner - 1D Dianne Grey - 2D Josh Grey - 3D Lois Jirgal - 4D |
| Mass Coordinator | Penny Cooper Rita Havrilka | Sr. Mary Ellen Backes NOT FILLED | Gloria Humphries Henry Humphries |
| Altar Server | Gloria Ayilisunger Kayleen Power Lleyton Power | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Lisa Sabo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED |



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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| <u>Week 38 of fiscal year</u> | <u>3/18/2018</u> | <u>Fiscal YTD</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Budgeted | \$ 10,385.57 | \$394,651.66 |
| Sunday Collection | \$ 9,674.40 | \$299,441.95 |
| 5th Week | \$ 191.00 | \$ 15,502.00 |
| Automated Giving | \$ | \$ 27,380.97 |
| Overage/(Shortfall) | \$ (520.17) | \$(52,326.74) |



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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Good News Reflection

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 8, 2018

Seeing a miracle at every Mass

"My Lord and my God!" This exclamation of Thomas in next Sunday's Gospel reading used to be our exclamation at the raising of the Eucharist during Mass. It would be good to renew this habit. It's an awe-filled, humble recognition of Christ's Lordship and of the reality of his presence in the form of bread and wine.

Saint John Paul II wrote in his encyclical on the Holy Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: "To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood." (You can get to know the entire amazing document by downloading my 5-Part [Catholic Study Guide](#) on it.)

Notice how Jesus convinced the disciples that he had truly come back to life in the flesh. At first, they thought he was a ghost, or they didn't know what to think. They found the miracle of the resurrection too incredible to grasp.

Jesus opened their minds to the truth of the miracle by showing his wounds. He does the same for you and me in every Mass.

Through the use of our logic and our senses, it's difficult to grasp the truth that the bread and wine miraculously become the actual body and blood of Christ -- the same broken and bleeding body that died on the cross 2000+ years ago. It's even harder to see and understand that the resurrected Jesus is also there!

During Mass, we enter the timelessness of eternity to benefit from the living Christ. When we realize that we personally need the sacrifice he made on Good Friday, because we've sinned, we begin to look at his wounds from a crucial perspective. It is then that we begin to understand the truth about the Eucharist.

The first step toward believing in the miracle of the Eucharist is to want Christ's death to save us from our sins and to want his resurrection to take us to heaven. The final step occurs when our desire to unite to Jesus is so thorough that we yearn for him to consume our lives with his presence. We want the divine Jesus to come to us in the flesh, in whatever manner he chooses, to transform us into his likeness. It is this desire that makes us exclaim whenever we see the Eucharist, "My Lord and my God!"

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Have you ever doubted the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? How do you feel when you look at the Eucharist? Does your spirit exclaim, "My Lord and my God"? Why or why not?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How has Jesus revealed himself to you in surprising ways -- "in his many forms of presence"? When have you found him incredible, difficult to grasp? What helped you accept the truth of his presence in that situation? And how has Jesus revealed his presence to you in the Eucharist?

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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

Little Flower Parish ~ St. Theresa Guild, 2018 Geranium Sale – locally grown, super healthy, beautiful and long-lasting, \$2.50 per plant. Colors available are red, white, salmon, pink, and violet (fuchsia). Orders and payments are due by Friday, April 13, checks are payable to St. Therese Guild. Pick-up at Little Flower parish center, April 28 between 8 a.m. – noon. Order forms may be downloaded at www.littleflowerchurch.net. Detach the bottom of the form and send with total payment and color(s) you are purchasing to St. Therese Guild, Church of the Little Flower, 800 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL 62703.

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. will hold its 36th Annual Spring Luncheon on Monday, April 16th at the Northfield Center. The event includes lunch, a silent auction, a bake sale, a raffle and entertainment by “On Occasion,” a Quartet from Sound Celebration Chorus. Seats are \$30 and doors open at 10:30 a.m. To reserve a seat you can call the Center at 525-5630.

Conference Opportunity – Our Sacred Earth, Our Common Home: Reflection & Action on *Laudato Si*. Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville. Keynote Speaker: Mary Evelyn Tucker, PhD. Cost \$25 for adults, \$15 for students. Registration: call 618-394-6270. For more information go to: <https://snows.org/events-2/our-sacred-earth-our-common-home/>.

Butler Funeral Homes: April 12 - An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning for Long-Term Care & Asset Protection. When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions. In this session, we will be specifically addressing information about options to preserve the funds set aside for funeral or memorial services in accordance with Illinois Medicaid eligibility requirements before medical expenses, including the cost of long term care, deplete assets. As funeral and cremation specialists, we're happy to provide answers during our FREE program. Join us at **Bella Milano Restaurant** for a complimentary lunch and an interactive and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. **This event is free: no cost or obligation. Call 544-4646 no later than Monday, April 9th to reserve your seat.**

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.

PERFORMING ARTS YOUTH RETREAT
Current high school students are invited to apply by April 15th for Youth Sing Praise. YSP is a unique musical theatre and retreat camp for teens, where acting, singing, dancing, performing, praying and community building thrive. In just nine days and nights, students audition, learn, and perform a faith-based musical. This year, we are proud to present the 2012 revival edition of Stephen Schwartz's *Godspell*. The performance will take place on Saturday, June 23rd, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. Online application and instructions, and more details at www.youthsingpraise.com or call 314.NOW.4YSP.

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!

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