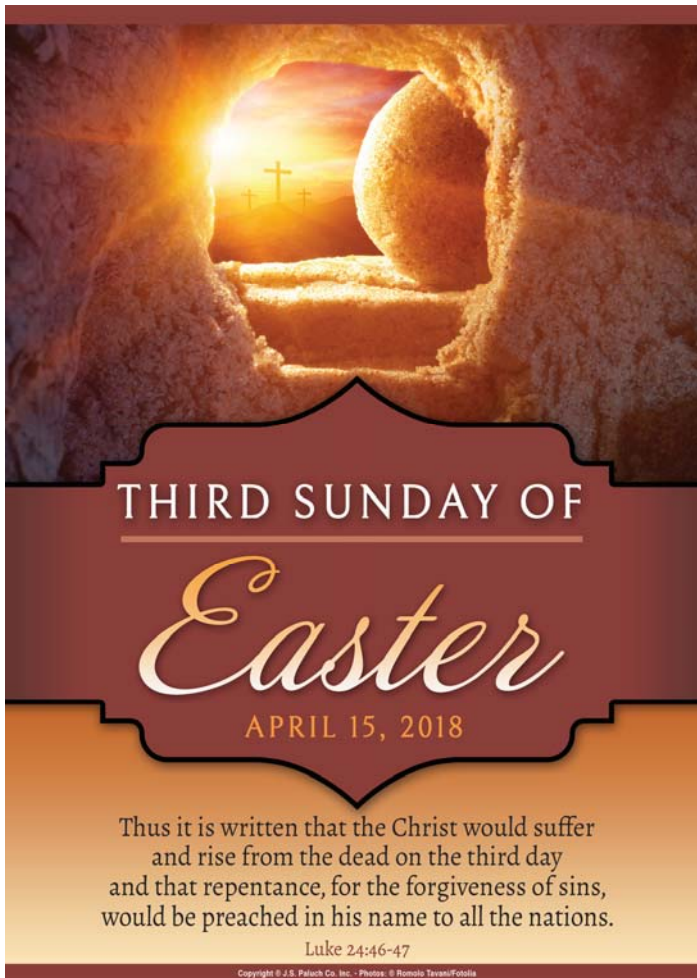


St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

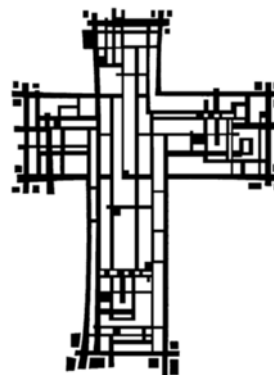
Choir

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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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number: 217-321-1155.

Worship Schedule & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions

Apr. 14 - Apr. 15, 2018

Sat. 4:30 pm †Bill Gietl
†Mary Grant
†William & Eva Schmidt
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Dave Sponsler

Masses for this Week

Apr. 16 - Apr. 22, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am †Michael Hanselman
Tue. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Wed. 5:30 pm †Carolyn Daley
Thu. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
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



*Everything written
about me
must be fulfilled*

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Apr. 16

6:30 pm CFF

Wednesday, Apr. 18

5:15 pm Helping Hands

Thursday, Apr. 19

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

6:30 pm Choir practice

Saturday, Apr. 21

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Apr. 22

9:30 am Music Practice

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

God makes use of acts of human ignorance to His own purpose, as in the case of the death of Jesus. Jesus appears to the disciples and takes great pain to explain the Scriptures concerning his own life, death, and resurrection, the purpose of all which, as John's explains, is to bring us back to God and His love.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites his disciples and us to touch and see that he is not a ghost. The whole of our faith turns on a scene like this. St. Paul said: "if Christ did not truly Rise from the dead then our faith is in vain".

It feels a bit comical to see how desperately Jesus tries to convince his disciples about his identity. He asks them to see and touch his pierced hands and feet. He asks for something to eat to prove to them that he is real. Then he interprets scriptures to help them understand, that all that happened was necessary so that repentance and forgiveness may be preached all over the world; that the world may come to know God's love. No wonder the Gospel sounds too good to be true.

Brothers and sisters, we too need to touch the Risen Lord to deepen our faith not just in our devotions of going to the different shrines and Churches. Rather in our world and in our individual and communal lives. Because it is there or rather it is in our hearts that God has come in Jesus Christ to save us. May the Risen Lord consecrate us to be the channels of His repentance and forgiveness to all. Thus, by being a witness of the Risen Lord's forgiving love, may we touch the lives of others with His love and forgiveness.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny

The **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** will begin collecting items to share with Mothers and Babies/Toddlers in need of assistance during the three weekends leading up to Mother's Day. Complete information about items requested and agencies we serve will be in next week's bulletin. 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

Mary Kulek

(sister of Carole Skufca)

PEP Club

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



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Feed the Hungry

DID YOU REMEMBER
your canned good this month for the Holy Family Food Pantry?

our parish uses



give central

for online donations

sign up for online giving at

www.givecentral.org

or click on the Give Central link on our website: stjoseph.dio.org

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.

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.

Together We...Eat, Drink & Be Giving - On May 5, 2018, Springfield Catholic Charities invites you to join them for the opportunity to change lives. What better way to work together than by having dinner, drinks & delightful entertainment? Entertainment includes a live auction and local celebrity karaoke competition. Evening begins at 6 p.m. at Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$65 prior to April 1st and \$75 after, so get your tickets now. Can't make the event? Purchase a raffle ticket to win \$10,000 and take a chance to change lives. Raffle tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased online at cc.dio.org. Questions call Amber at 217-321-8304.

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.

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](tel: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.

The Bishop Griffin Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets to a Meat Raffle in the back of church beginning this weekend 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.

April 21 - April 22: Fourth Sunday of Easter

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laura Neale - 1W Gene Mitchell - 2W Penny Cooper - 3W Kathryn Gebhardt - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Mathew Power - 1B Patricia Green - 2B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 3B Linda Schmidt - 4B Sean Bartlett - 5B	Barbara Schmidt - 1W Gary Schmidt - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Elizabeth Simpson - 1B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 3B Harold Pettinger - 5B	Mary Bonner - 1W Debra Geist - 2W Mary Lynn Mizeur - 3W Mike Geist - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W NOT FILLED - 1B Beth Murphy - 2B Caitlin Torrence - 3B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 4B Bev Burmeister - 5B
Lector	Rita Havrilka Kathleen Ann Tait, OP	Pat Rolens Pettinger Marianne Stremsterfer	Mary Thoele Mike Thoele
Greeter	Mary Faxon - 1D Cynthia Hitchcock - 2D Kathy Cory - 3D Paul R. Mueller - 4D	Michael Heffern - 1D Jan Haines - 2D Vera O'Donnell - 3D Donna Holmes - 4D	Josh Grey - 1D Sharon Schmitt - 2D Dianne Grey - 3D Lois Jirgal - 4D
Mass Coordinator	Judy Mueller Karen Siciliano	Sr. Mary Ellen Backes NOT FILLED	Gloria Humphries Henry Humphries
Altar Server	Grace Ayilisungu Lleyton Power Kayleen Power	Eileen Kuchar NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lisa Sabo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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Week 41 of fiscal year	4/08/2018	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$ 10,385.57	\$425,808.37
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,598.00	\$326,689.00
5th Week	\$ 480.00	\$ 16,954.00
Automated Giving	\$	\$ 30,772.62
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (1,947.57)	\$(51,392.75)

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS are located in the brochure racks on the wall in the back of church... Why register in a parish?

Parish membership through registration, or a parish census, is a longstanding practice. Over the years, registration by parishioners has become increasingly important, even a practical necessity; The parish census becomes a tool by which the pastoral staff is aided to serve the parishioners; Registration in the parish enables the parishioners to apply for sponsorship forms for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; Registration in the parish helps foster a sense of belonging and contributes to the growth of a parish as a community with characteristics of a family; Expressed membership in a parish commits a person to the parish, but also entitles the parishioner to pastoral service and care; Membership enables the pastoral staff to reach out for assistance according to the time, talent and treasure of the parishioners. Volunteer service by parishioners is indispensable for a vital, thriving parish.



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 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Good News Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

The tap of the Good Shepherd's staff

In next Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. We are the sheep for whom he has laid down his life. He put everything aside for our sake -- his human desire for an easy life, the security and familiarity of a home of his own, his time, his sleep, his tiredness, and his natural preference to avoid persecution, torture and death.

We are the sheep who recognize our Shepherd's voice and willingly follow him to better pastures. We *want* him to be our Good Shepherd. We want his protection, his guidance, and his love.

However, sometimes we forget to listen for his voice. This usually happens when life doesn't go as planned, the way *we* want it to. In frustration and fear, we assume that Jesus has left the sheepfold. We think he's gone after the lost sheep and left us behind to fend for ourselves, and -- oh no! -- this is surely when the wolves attack! Doesn't he realize that? How could he do this to us if he really cares as much about us as he says he does? Why is he more concerned about the sheep who strayed than he is about us who are good sheep?

However, no matter how busy Jesus gets and no matter how far he has to go to rescue lost sheep, he never leaves our side. He is always with us. When the path of life takes us to dead ends or dangerous cliffs, it's not because he's abandoned us. The pain we feel is his shepherd's staff tapping and prodding us to get us to move in a different direction, and we just haven't understood.

We don't want to go in that other direction. We like the familiarity of this old pasture. We're getting annoyed at the tap-tap-tapping of the staff on our heads. And we won't discover the blessing of this discipline until we turn again to Jesus with eyes of trust and ears that are attentive to everything he says, even if at first we don't like what he's saying.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what areas of your life do you feel lost and alone or abandoned? What activities can you do that will restore your vision and your hearing so you can recognize the presence of your Good Shepherd?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the ways that the Good Shepherd's voice calls out to us. Share the story of a time when he prodded you but at first you didn't realize it was him. When did something feel painful until you realized that you were going in the wrong direction? What helped you recognize the voice and the staff of the Good Shepherd?

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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

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/>.

The Staab Family is hosting the **6th Annual Kids Good Grief Camp**, a one-day grief camp for children who have lost a loved one. Designed for kids 6-12, this year's camp will be held Sunday, April 22, 12pm-4pm, at Southwind Park. For more information or to register call 247-4421 or visit KidsGoodGriefCamp.com.

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!)

Butler Funeral Homes Thursday, April 26, 2018 St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Game, Starting time 12:15 pm.

Please join us as we kick off baseball season with a fun-filled trip to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the NY Mets at Busch Stadium. We will be leaving at 8:30 am from the Butler Funeral Home campus and return by 5:30 pm (approx.). Cost is \$45 per person, which includes transportation, game ticket and bag of snacks. Please call **Butler Funeral Home** 544-4646 to reserve your seat by Friday, April 20, 2018. ** Please note that payment is required to reserve seat.

The Mexican Consulate will be at St. Alexis Parish, Beardstown from May 17-20.

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

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 greatescapesctt@charter.net.

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>.

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>.

March for Life 2019 - Save the date! The 2019 diocesan March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC will be January 16 - 20. Details will be available this summer as well as on the website at www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl.

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