

# St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



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## Hours:

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

Friday 8:30 am - 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\*

WEDNESDAY at 5:30 p.m.\*

(\*If there is a Funeral, Daily Mass is Cancelled.)

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY from 3:15-4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS will be announced in the bulletin and on the website.

IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME  
YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF,  
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS,

*and follow me.*

MARK 8:34



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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, Rita Havrilka, Tom Niedzielski

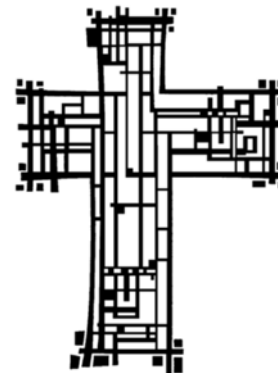
### Choir

**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

Sep. 15 - Sep. 16, 2018

Sat. 4:30 pm †Bill Gietl  
†Mary Grant  
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph  
10:30 am †Mary Lazzeri

## Masses for this Week

Sep. 17 - Sep. 23, 2018

Mon. 7:00 am †Ellen Dahlkamp  
Tue. NO Mass  
Wed. NO Mass Priests' Convocation  
Thu. NO Mass  
Sat. 4:30 pm †Francesco Porrovecchio  
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph  
10:30 am †Justine Claunch



## This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Sep. 17

6:30 pm CFF

Tuesday, Sep. 18

4:30 pm Kumler

Wednesday, Sep. 19

5:15 pm Helping Hands

Thursday, Sep. 20

11:00 am Bible Study

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

6:15 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday, Sep. 22

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Sep. 23

9:30 am Music Practice

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

*"If you want to follow me, deny yourself;  
take up your cross and follow me."*

Our readings for this Sunday give us an understanding that translating our faith into concrete action invites or leads us to rejection, persecution, and suffering as the world prefers its own ignorance and selfish ways. Since then, living a life of a prophet would mean thinking like God, which necessarily invites conflict with the ways of the world. And Jesus, being the Messiah, was no exception to this.

What does it mean "*to think like God*"? Who knows the mind of God except the Spirit that searches the depths of God? Are we capable of knowing the thoughts of God, let alone think like he does?

Brothers and sisters, being finite human beings, we are unable to grasp the thoughts of God, but thanks to the life of Christ, we can perceive the deeds of God. These are the '*deeds*' marked with compassion, love, forgiveness, and letting others be; and we can then work backwards: by doing what Christ did, we will appropriate the thoughts of God. St. James emphasizes this in our second reading. He said, our faith must always have a practical dimension for we can demonstrate what we truly believe only through our actions and deeds.

Let us pray for the grace to have our thoughts and deeds aligned with those of God and understand the true purpose of Jesus' mission.

God bless us all.

*Rev. Manny*



Take  
up  
your  
cross  
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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.*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We are trying something new with the Ministry Schedule. Ministers will no longer be assigned but can sign themselves up. There are signup sheets on the Mass Coordinator's stand in the back of church. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Larry or Sr. Mary Ellen.

## \*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*

This bulletin was prepared early and sent to the printer on September 5th due to Pam's vacation. If you signed up after that date, your name will not appear below.

**Music ministry** provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the church. Thank you.

## Minister Signup

September 22-23, 2018

*Must have Protecting God's Children*	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Server #1	Chelsea Rhodes	Jane Schmidt	Eileen Kuchar
Altar Server #2	Liah O'Neill	Diane Best	Lisa Sabo
Altar Server #3		Eileen Kuchar	
Eucharistic Minister 1B	Laura Neale	Sr. Mary Ellen	Sean Bartlett
Eucharistic Minister 2B	Marj Schwager		Sharon Schmitt
Eucharistic Minister 3B	Tim Kennedy	Fr. Manny	Beverly Burmeister
Eucharistic Minister 4B	Fr. Manny		Fr. Manny
Eucharistic Minister 5B	Kathy Gebhardt	Tom Niedzielski	
Eucharistic Minister 1W	John Brennan	Nancy Ray	Mary Bonner
Eucharistic Minister 2W			Deb Geist
Eucharistic Minister 3W		Gary Schmidt	Henry Humphries
Eucharistic Minister 4W	Linda Schmidt		Gloria Humphries
Eucharistic Minister 5W	Deacon Larry	Deacon Larry	Deacon Larry
Lector #1	Teri Kean	Marianne Stremsterfer	Mike Geist
Lector #2	Laura O'Neill	Barb Schmidt	
Greeter D1			Mary Bonner
Greeter D2	Barb Sams	Jane Nielzielski	
Greeter D3		Jan Steinhour	
Greeter D4			
Gift Bearers			
Mass Coordinator	Penny Cooper		Henry Humphries
Mass Coordinator	Rita Havrilka		Gloria Humphries
Usher		Robert M. Haley	Brandon Backstein
Usher		Robert P. Haley	Henry Humphries
Usher	Kathy Gebhardt	Jim Moser	Jim Claunch
Usher			Tim Fleckenstein
Usher	Kathy Maddox		Dave O'Brien

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION (CFF)  
2018-2019**

The Catholic Faith Formation Program for Young People begins Monday, September 17. Families at St. Joseph's Church who have young people between K-8 who are not attending Catholic schools are encouraged to register them for continuing faith development. Our Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) meets on Mondays evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the parish hall. Please check the magazine rack in the gathering space of the church for the CFF brochures and registration application form.

**IN GRATITUDE FOR  
GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS**



~It's Here !! 3rd Weekend of September – The **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** Weekend !! ~ The programs, services and ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

The theme this year for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal is "IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS" Gratitude is integral to the life of a disciple. In the words of Saint Teresa of Kolkota, "The best way to show gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy."

This coming week a letter will be sent to each Catholic household in the diocese asking for your support. The diocese serves each of us and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in the diocese. Thank you for your efforts in supporting the mission of discipleship in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

**Mark your calendars for October 7** - It's not too soon to mark your calendar and reserve your tickets for **Sacred Time, Sacred Space: 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sacred Heart Convent Chapel**. Sunday, October 7. That day there will be a rare public open house of the Dominican Sisters' awe-inspiring, historically significant chapel at 1237 W. Monroe Street, Springfield, Ill. Participate in a guided tour, bring the kids for fun, educational activities; learn from architectural historians about the significance of the chapel's mid-20th century design, and immerse yourself in the ancient Dominican tradition of sung evening prayer. It's an event not to be missed. Tour tickets available now at [springfieldop.org/chapel50](http://springfieldop.org/chapel50). Visit the website or call 217-787-0481 for more information.



*Brittany Limper & Matthew Henton*

Congratulations!

**"STEWARDSHIP-DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER"**

Lord, You alone are the source of every good gift and the author of the mystery of each human life, created in your image, beginning at the moment of conception. We praise and thank You for Your great power, and for Your infinite and faithful love. All we are and all we have is Your gift, and You loved us so much You even sent your only begotten Son, who died for us and was raised into Glory, thus ascending and entering the gates of heaven as a means to our salvation.

Fill our minds with His truth; fill our hearts with His grace; and may His Spirit lead us to unity as a bonded community of faithful caring "intentional disciples".

In His name and by the grace of the Holy Spirit may we commit ourselves to living "stewardship" as a "way of life" sharing the gifts entrusted to us by living as true stewards, faith-filled disciples of the living Body of Christ.

We pray this in the Holy Name of Jesus, He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.....

Amen !

The warning signs of **Alzheimer's** disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. Attend this training to learn the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's disease. We'll separate myth from reality and address commonly-held fears about Alzheimer's in America. Hear from people who have the disease and find out how to recognize the signs in yourself and others. FREE Lunch and Learn Education Program in our community. **Know the 10 Signs:** Schnucks Community Center, 2801 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL, Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 6-7:30 PM



## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (Personal Safety Training)

Sr. Mary Ellen will offer two "Protecting God's Children" workshops on October 9th, one at 11:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 pm. Both will be held in the Ursuline Room in the Parish Hall. Please call Pam in the parish office, 544-7426, to register. All Adults, 18 years of age and older, are required to attend a *one-time* training session and complete a background check in order to become a volunteer or continue volunteering in any parish activity. This includes, but is not limited to, Eucharistic/Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Mass Coordinators, Ushers, Greeters/Hospitality, Altar Servers, Holy Groundskeepers, Choir members, Musicians and Equipment Technicians, Food & Festival event volunteers, including funeral luncheon workers. Background checks need to be updated every five years. There is no fee for attending the training session. To review the policies found on the diocesan website go to [www.dio.org/safeenvironment/policies](http://www.dio.org/safeenvironment/policies).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

## Good News Reflection

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sep. 23, 2018

### Overcoming jealousy and selfish ambition

In next Sunday's readings, we face wickedness: jealousy destroying what is good, selfishness causing harm to others, and pride squashing those who get in the way.

The first scripture covers the evil doings of outsiders who oppressed the Israelite nation. In the Gospel reading, Jesus predicts the evil doings of spiritual outsiders who were fighting against his ministry. The letter of James addresses the worst wickedness of all: the battle within the Church -- Christians against Christians.

Jealousy and selfishness are usually the root beneath every scandal in the Church, every division on the parish staff, every discord among ministries, every disappointed volunteer who feels pushed out, every broken relationship in Christian families, and every attitude that chases weaker Catholics away from the faith -- it's all wicked!

To get at the root of any divisive problem, look for self-centered ambition. Honestly and objectively identify even the most subtle forms of it so that you can also identify God's antidote. When you see divisiveness in others, do you feel sorrow for them? If not, why not? The answer to that usually lies in our own self-centered pride.

Jesus provided the cure for this: "If anyone wishes to be first" (which is a desire motivated by selfish ambition) "you must become the servant of all."

Selfish ambition is sinful because it tries to grab success away from others. James pointed out that whatever we're ambitious for, if it's good, we can have it simply by asking God for it and working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit to achieve our goals -- but not if we want it only to satisfy our personal, selfish passions.

God gives us what we pray for when it will benefit the parish community or the entire family or those we are called to serve in our ministries. When we desire something for the sake of how it will help others (rather than just for our own benefit), this desire is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, and full of mercy and will produce good fruits.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

When have you suffered from the jealousies and selfish ambitions of others in the Church? How did this affect your faith? Did it motivate you to avoid committing the same sin?

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Identify how jealousy and selfish ambition have been the underlying cause behind one problem you've witnessed or personally experienced in the Church. How can these scandals be healed through pure heart, a peaceful response, gentleness, mercy, and good fruits that turn a tragedy into a triumph?

## OTHER PARISHES AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**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. This month:

Wiffle Ball and BBQ - Sunday, Sept. 16 at 6:00 p.m.:

Southwind Park in Springfield

Men's Bible Study - Monday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m.:

Finley's Tap House in Springfield

Women's Bible Study - Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m.:

505 Wingate Dr. in Sherman

**SPECIAL EVENT: Stump the Priests!** Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m.: Cathedral Atrium. Have questions about our faith, church history, the sacraments, or anything else? Come see if you can stump the priests!

More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com>, Email contact: Andrew Hansen: [andrewhansen1@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewhansen1@yahoo.com).

**Scouts interested in earning the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem** are invited to the first of eight classes of the series on Sunday, September 16 at 6:30 PM at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Springfield. The street address is 1615 West Washington Street. We will cover chapter one in the Ad Altare Dei workbook. Classes will be held once a month throughout the school year. Scouts must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older and have their own copy of the workbook. For more information, please contact Kyle Holtgrave, chairman of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at (217) 698-8500 or email [kholtgrave@dio.org](mailto:kholtgrave@dio.org).

Almost all couples who attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** say: "We should have done this a long time ago!" Why? Their whole relationship became more alive on the Weekend, and the Weekend reminded them of what it was like as newlyweds. The next WWME weekends away are Sep. 21-23, 2018 or Nov. 30-Dec 2 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO; and Nov. 16-18, 2018 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to [www.stl-wwme](http://www.stl-wwme) or call 314.649.7317.


The **Prayer in the Public Square Rosary Rally** will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018, 12PM - 1PM in front of the Lincoln statue at the Illinois State Capitol Building on 2nd and Capitol streets. We will pray the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, sing America the Beautiful, God Bless America, and more. Bring your prayer groups and flags and join us. Free parking on Saturday at the Capitol Building employee parking lots. If you would like to lead one of the prayers or for more information, contact Donna Berte 217-622-8576.

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**CALVARY CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP** – Please remove **ALL** decorations that you would like to save by September 16<sup>th</sup>. **ALL** decorations will be removed during the period of September 17<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The crew will begin collecting decorations early morning on September 17<sup>th</sup> and will then, weather permitting, clean remaining leaves, tree debris, etc. from around monuments as well as mow these areas before decorations are replaced. Fall decorations may be placed beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do not leave decorations prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> as it will only take more time for the crew to remove it to access the area. 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.


**India Night**, September 28, 2018 AIWO presents a vibrant evening of music, dance, elegant Indian fashion and fine cuisine on Friday, September 28, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza (3000 S. Dirksen Parkway). **All proceeds will benefit M.E.R.C.Y Communities** and help provide housing and supportive services to homeless and at-risk women and children. Tickets may be purchased at: <http://buyticketsat.com/mercycommunitiesinc/170168>.

### The Holy Spirit and the Church

<p style="margin: 0;"><b>Wednesday</b> <b>September 26</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Roesch Hall, Christ the King Parish</p> <p style="margin: 0;">6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>\$10</b></p>	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: small; color: #ccc;"> <p>"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate – to be with you always." John 14:16</p> </div>  <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Session 1</p>
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Two Sessions on the **Holy Spirit** presented by **Fr. Richard Chlola, Ph.D.**  
To register contact Christ the King Parish at 546-3527, ext. 5 or email [Madonna@ctkparish.com](mailto:Madonna@ctkparish.com)

### Restoring the Proper Theological Order of the Sacraments of Initiation

 <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Session 2</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">OFFER, STRENGTHEN, SUSTAIN</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"><b>Wednesday, October 3, 2018</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"><b>Roesch Hall, Christ the King Parish</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"><b>6:30 – 8:00 p.m. / \$10</b></p>	<p><b>DID YOU KNOW...?</b> Your Parish will soon offer the Sacrament of Confirmation prior to First Holy Communion? Come and learn how the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion were celebrated in the early church, how it changed over time and why we are called to restore these sacraments to their original order.</p>
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