St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8:30 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm
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MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY at 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY at 9:30 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.

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**Vision Statement**

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

**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 a pre-baptismal class. 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 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](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.

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

**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.

**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**

Joe Rolens (Chair), Gary Schmidt (Vice Chair), Tim Kennedy (Secretary), Beth Cartwright, Linda Medlock,

**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: 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
Worship Schedule & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions
Oct. 3 - Oct. 4, 2020
Sat. 4:30 pm People of St. Joseph
Sun. 9:30 am †Don Workman

Masses for this Week
Oct. 5 - Oct. 11, 2020
Mon. No Mass (funeral)
Tue. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Wed. 5:30 pm People of St. Joseph
Thu. 7:00 am †David Lazzeri
Sat. 4:30 pm †Tom Bartolomucci
Sun. 9:30 am †Francesco Porrovecchio

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“Have you never read what the scriptures say?”

This Sunday is considered as part of the “initial preparation” for the great Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of Ordinary time. The context of Matthew’s Gospel is that Jesus has already entered Jerusalem as the Messiah. And with parable Jesus speaks about his mission; First, he speaks about his relationship with the Father; second, about his desire to be welcomed by everyone of us as his subjects, and last, about his fate – that is, his death.

As humans, we can be possessive of our worldly goods and take credit for our talents. Yet, everything we have is a gift from God – even the work we do to earn our living is done through the energy and talents that God gave to us. Like the tenants in today’s Gospel, we owe everything to God, who is our divine Landlord. Nothing we have is truly our own. It is all gift from God.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus is the Son of the Father, and came to save us - sinners. All who welcome Him and give what is due to the Father – that is, submission to the Lord Jesus his son – can be remembered in the Kingdom. Refusal to submit and accept the Son can only mean judgment. Let us pray that we may not ignore His invitation to accept Jesus in our lives as our Lord and Master.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Oct. 5
6:30 pm CFF

Thursday, Oct. 8
5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, Oct. 10
3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Oct. 11
8:45 am Music Practice

Please refer to the calendar on our website for updates & future events (www.stjoseph.dio.org).
or click on the Give Central link on our website: stjoseph.dio.org

St. Joseph will continue with the current Mass schedule (one Mass on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and one Mass on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.). Returning to Mass is optional. The dispensation from Sunday obligation remains in effect. Anyone feeling sick should stay home and anyone who has been in close contact with COVID-19 individuals should self-quarantine for 14 days. We are allowed to be at 25% capacity, which is 206 people per Mass. Thanks to the many volunteers who have stepped up to sanitize the church after each gathering.

Please sanitize your hands upon entering. Social distancing requires everyone to be six-feet apart in all directions. Please refrain from close discussions or gatherings of any kind in the vestibule or pews. Masks must be worn and can be removed once you are in the pew/seat. They are also to be removed when coming forward for Holy Communion. You may remain in the pew if you feel more comfortable and make a Spiritual Communion. The Precious Blood is not to be distributed to the faithful. The Sign of Peace is to be exchanged without physical contact. We will dispense with congregational singing until it is safe to do so. Hymnals and other items have been removed. This will help remove a possible source of contagion, as well as ease the cleaning efforts before and after liturgies. The bulletin is posted on our website (www.stjoseph.dio.org) every Friday. Baskets will be out to collect your offertory envelopes. If you are interested in contributing online, safe and secure online giving is available on our website. Please use the Gift Central link.

Parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.
CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN BEGAN October 5, 2020

St. Joseph Parish partners families in passing on a livelv Catholic faith to their children. October 5th began the Monday 2020-2021 program of Catholic Faith Formation K-8. It is necessary that children who do not attend Catholic schools be enrolled. Our diocese is presently implementing the reordering of the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Families and children need to be prepared and ready to consciously receive the abundant graces of these foundational sacraments of Catholic Faith Life. Please contact Sr. Mary Ellen Backes, OSU, 217-801-7922 or the parish office.

This Sunday, October 4, 2020 is THE DAY!! Join us in the most important aspect to defend Life by praying on Sangamon Avenue from 19th Street to Dirksen from 2:00 to 3:30 pm (your choice of an hour in this time frame) for Springfield’s Life Chain Prayer Witness. Life Chain signs may be picked up in the parking lot behind St. Aloysius church starting at 2:00 pm. Drive or walk to your preferred place to stand on either side of Sangamon Avenue. Stand approximately 15 feet apart (about 3-4 sections of sidewalk). You may stand on the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street. Do not block someone’s driveway. For your convenience, you may drive down and park in any one of the lots along Sangamon Avenue. For over 30 years the Life Chain Prayer Witness has been lining streets in cities throughout America, praying to end abortion. Please join us. Please wear a mask and of course you will be safely distanced. You may also bring a lawn chair if you like.

So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer. ~Ezra 8:23

October is Respect Life Month. We will hold a prayer vigil for 40 days next door to Springfield Right to Life at 519 N. Bruns Ln. in front of the abortion clinic. Praying and fasting to end abortion. The vigil begins October 1st and will end on November 9th. Peaceful prayer warriors can come and pray from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 7 days/week. Grab a prayer partner, stop at the SRTL office if you would like a peaceful sign, and stand and be a loving witness for LIFE! (signs are available in the office or in a box on the side of the building in the case that the office is closed. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) For more info please call the office at (217)523-2700 or e-mail us at springfieldrtl@gmail.com.

Rest in Peace
Joseph Pachlhofer

Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m. we will have the Blessing of Pets in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather in the grassy area on the corner of 5th and Eastman. Pets should be on leashes or in cages, please. You may also bring a picture of your pet if that’s easier.

Holy Family Food Pantry
Food items placed in the baskets located near each entrance of the church are collected weekly to stock the pantry shelves. Your donations help feed families in need throughout the year. Please consider dropping off a non-perishable food item to assist with this ongoing effort. Thank you for generosity in support of the food pantry and helping them meet the basic needs of those in our local community.
How to handle fakers

In next Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers, i.e., people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet of the Eucharist (Mass) while refusing to enter into a genuine relationship with God.

You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When a priest sins, they leave Catholicism. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Those who have a genuine relationship with God are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love.

Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a child of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up boundaries against them.

Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, i.e., into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality. We should love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship.

God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However, healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on.

And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How many Godly, healthy friendships do you really have? Where can you go to find more people who want to be in a holy, Christ-centered, faith-building relationship with you?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What makes a friendship truly good? How do you know when the time has come to say no to an unhealthy, unholy relationship? How have you handled it? Where have you gone to find support and healing and growth?
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Virtual Rosary - The “Mission Virtue” Virtual Rosary is a national prayer initiative. On Thursday, October 8, 2020, 3:00 pm, parents, teachers and students are invited to pray for the whole world using the World Mission Rosary. Children acting as Virtue Heroes will represent and intercede for the five Mission Virtue Regions of the world and lead us in prayer. Individuals interested in participating in this event may join remotely through https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183948515.

Metanoia means conversion, but it is much more than that. It means to change, to repent, to turn, to think differently. Metanoia is an ongoing process. As Christians we are to live a life of metanoia. The purpose of this series is to assist the viewer in this ongoing metanoia. Jesus invites everyone to a deeper more profound conversion - a metanoia - that moves us from something to someone, as metanoia ultimately turns us to Jesus. Cathedral School Library, Thursdays, beginning October 8, 10:00-11:30am. Please RSVP so we can maintain social distancing 522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk - October 10, Bishop Paprocki will be celebrating the Annual Respect Life and Rosary Walk, Holy Family parish, Granite City. A box lunch will be served after the walk and benediction. Cara Paschal, Executive Director of Thrive Metro-East, will be guest speaker for the luncheon. Registration to participate in the Mass, Walk, and Luncheon is required. For more information and to register go to the Upcoming Events page on the diocesan website (dio.org).

Rosary Novena to Honor Our Lady Throughout the history of the Church, Christians have always implored the Blessed Virgin Mary's help but especially in times of great need. Never was it known that anyone who called on our Blessed Mother with persistence, faith, and sincerity was left unaided. Considering the enormous challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has brought upon us and the uncertainties and concerns surrounding the upcoming election, Father Peter Chineke is inviting everyone to join in a Nine Day Special Novena Prayers and Fasting to implore the help of our Blessed Mother. Cathedral Church, October 23-31, after 7:00am Mass except Saturdays, after 8:00am Mass.

The Second Vatican Council Over fifty years ago, Pope John XXIII called together the bishops of the world to hold the twenty-first ecumenical council in Rome. This Council helped shape the Church and the world as we experience it today. During this series, we will study what an ecumenical council is and why Pope John called for Vatican II. Surveying several key documents from the Council, we will see the Church’s vision for what it means to be a baptized member of the People of God and how the teachings of the Council affect our lives today. With Father Dominic Vahling, Cathedral Atrium, Mondays October 12th, 19th, & 26th at 7:00pm.

The Second Vatican Council

The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential, non-judgmental referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. is hosting a Drive Thru Chicken Dinner Fundraiser with Nelson’s Catering at Christ the King Parish Center on Wednesday, October 28th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The meal includes a ½ grilled chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and dinner role with butter. Tickets are $10 and may be ordered online through the Center's website- springfieldpregnancycare.org. Meals may also be ordered and donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you for helping to support the services at the Pregnancy Care Center as they celebrate 41 years of service!

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND ROSARY RALLY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

There will be a Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, October 10, 2020 departing from Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, IL at 11:30AM to the Capitol to join the Rosary Rally outside in front of the Lincoln Statue on 2nd and Capitol streets at 12 Noon. Benediction at the Capitol. Return walk back to Sacred Heart. Bring your rosaries, lawn blankets and flags and join us for all or any part of this event. Questions to Donna B. 217-622-8576 LET’S RAISE A HOLY ROAR FOR OUR LORD! SPREAD THE WORD.

God's peace

WILL STAND GUARD OVER YOUR HEARTS

Beyond all understanding

Philippians

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