THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, “THE FEAST IS READY, BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME. GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND.”

Matthew 22:8-9

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

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

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

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**Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number:** 217-321-1155.
Mass Intentions
Oct. 10 - Oct. 11, 2020
Sat. 4:30 pm †Tom Bartolomucci
Sun. 9:30 am †Francesco Porrovecchio

Masses for this Week
Oct. 12 - Oct. 18, 2020
Mon. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Tue. 7:00 am †Hubert Iocca
Wed. 5:30 pm †Carl Burg
Thu. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Sat. 4:30 pm †Dorothy Atteberry
Sun. 9:30 am †Don Workman
†Alice Lucasey

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“Many are called but few are chosen.”

This Sunday we continue our reflection on the Kingdom of God through another parable – the Wedding Banquet. Israel, the chosen people of God, were the first to be invited. But they were unwilling to welcome the King’s Son, so we the gentiles have been graciously invited by Jesus - the Bridegroom. What an honor to be included in the guest list of the King’s Son! However, with the honor comes the responsibility to come properly dressed for the banquet otherwise one may still be cast away.

The Eucharist we celebrate is the Banquet. We have been honored with an RSVP invitation. Participation in the Eucharist must be our priority schedule. And we do need to be prepared for the banquet. Are we spiritually prepared every time we participate in the Eucharist? Though the gospel does not really demand a literal “dress code” still at times we can ask how we come dressed for our Sunday worship for many are called but few are chosen.

Brothers and sisters, as we move to the end of another liturgical year, our readings begin to speak to us about the end times. Full of hope and encouragement, they are meant to spur us on to faithful Gospel living no matter what befalls us in this life. All of us are invited to live in the house of the Lord for all eternity.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 18th this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, implores us, “In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here I am, send me” (68). This is the ever-new response to the Lord’s question: ‘Whom shall I send?’ This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis.”

During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called personally to mission – especially at this time – to bring Christ’s love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father’s own Missionary; He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to “step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor.” What will your answer be? “Here I Am, Send Me” is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Through the Pope’s own missionary society, you too can be sent out to all the ends of the earth - sent through your support of missionaries and those they serve. Your gifts sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. With them, you answer, “Here I Am, Send Me.”

This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois to respond in the most generous way you are able. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

With every best wish and prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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Dive Deep Podcast – How Catholics should vote. Five ways to build faith over fear. A voice from a grave. Did we come from Adam and Eve or monkeys? 11 things Catholics need to stop doing. “The Church is wrong about marriage.” That’s the episode lineup of season five of Dive Deep this fall, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Make sure to subscribe to the podcast so you don’t miss an episode! Go to dio.org/podcast to subscribe and listen.

Springfield Catholic Charities St. John’s Breadline will be serving 32 oz. made-from-scratch soups and chili for a suggested donation of $5 on Friday, Oct. 30, at the Catholic Pastoral Center circle drive from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Chili, chicken noodle and broccoli cheddar will be available. All proceeds will go to the St. John’s Breadline. Thank you to our friends at Ameriprise Financial Koch, Sylvia & Associates for sponsoring this event!
CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN BEGAN October 5, 2020
St. Joseph Parish partners families in passing on a lively 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.

HELP!
The Warming Center for the homeless opened early this year, on October 1st. St. Joseph’s will be providing our first meal on Wednesday, October 21st. If you can make a sandwich - we need you! If you can bake cookies/brownies - we need you! If you just like to serve people - we need you! Contact Jill Cooper at 725-6757.

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

Thanksgiving Baskets
The Social Concerns Committee will be organizing baskets again this year for those in need. We would like to invite parishioners to submit names of those whom you feel would benefit from receiving a basket. Please provide the following details to Pam in the parish office: names of all adults in the household, number of adults and children, a current address (which will be valid for the basket delivery on Sunday 11/22), and if possible a phone number to contact in case we run into any issues with the delivery. In order to properly plan and prepare the baskets, please have ALL names submitted to the parish office no later than Tuesday November 17th. This will allow the committee sufficient time to review the overall need and ensure we have enough food items, as well as validate the submissions through the citywide database. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Matt Power via phone at (217) 415-3227 or email at mattpower1@yahoo.com.

BREAKING BREAD/MISSALS
Even though we were able to return the bulletins to the bulletin holders, COVID19 guidelines prohibit all other printed material. Please take a Breaking Bread/Missal home with you and bring with you to Mass. They are available on the tables in the back of church. They are yours for the keeping.

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.

Live the Gospel of Life
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2020
The image engraved on our hearts

In next Sunday’s Gospel reading, when Jesus asks the Pharisees to tell him whose image was engraved on the coin owed for the census tax, he uses it to teach a lesson about the image that should be engraved upon our hearts. Our hearts should belong to God and to God alone.

The Romans believed that their emperors were divine. Therefore, to possess Roman coins meant carrying around the graven image of a human god. The Pharisees knew this when they challenged Jesus.

Paying the census tax to Caesar symbolized more than just submission to a foreign government. It had religious connotations. If Jesus was a true prophet, he should speak up against Jews possessing pagan coins. If he was a true messiah, he should deliver them from the oppression and taxes of the foreign government - or so they thought.

We don't know how they happened to have the Roman coin that they showed to Jesus. If they pulled it out of their own purses, which is likely, it revealed their hypocrisy. However, Jesus wasn't just interested in exposing their hypocrisy; he wanted to make a point about the True Messiah.

If we belong to God, Jesus is engraved upon our hearts. We have been rescued from the destruction of sin by the Messiah. We have let him deliver us from the oppression of evil that was caused by our sins.

Whose image do others see when they look at your life? When people see you, do they see Jesus engraved upon you? To the extent that they do, that's the extent to which you belong to the kingdom of God!

Questions for Personal Reflection:
How do you know that others see Jesus in your life? What's the evidence? What have they told you about yourself that is also a description of Christ?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
What are some of the ways in which Jesus has come into your life and changed you from within? How has that changed the way you live? How does this evangelize others?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

OTHER PARISHES
AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE

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.

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!

Deaf Interpreter Workshop - CHANGE OF DATE: If you have an interpreter for the deaf please let them know about the upcoming workshop for interpreters. Saturday, November 21, Our Saviours, Jacksonville. It will be an opportunity to build community among interpreters and discuss meaning conveyed while signing a Mass. For further information contact Christine at 217-371-0700.

ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE
SERVES UP
SOUPER BOWL
Soup up your Halloween
with fresh soups & chili to go.
When: Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Where: Catholic Pastoral Center,
1615 W Washington St. in Springfield
Suggested Donation: $5 for 32 oz.

Volunteers Needed
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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.
Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will. For further information, please call the Parish Office.

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