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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.

**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.

**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. 17 - Oct. 18, 2020
Sat. 4:30 pm †Dorothy Atteberry
Sun. 9:30 am †Don Workman
†Alice Lucasey

Mass for this Week
Oct. 19 - Oct. 25, 2020
Mon. 7:00 am †Dorothy Iocca
Tue. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Wed. 5:30 pm †Pati Sgro
Thu. 7:00 am †Mary Rose Jones
Sat. 4:30 pm †Christine Mueller
†Margaret Parker
Sun. 9:30 am †Lawrence Romang

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and give to God what is God’s.”

Our Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday captures well the theme of today’s readings: “Give the Lord glory and honor.” King Cyrus of Persia is called the “anointed” of the Yahweh for he fulfills His divine will, that is - the liberation of the exiled Israel. A pagan king who gives God glory by his just policy. On the other hand, the Pharisees and Herodians pose a seemingly impossible dilemma to Jesus – about the lawfulness of Jews paying taxes to the Roman emperor. Jesus’ answer, so famous in our politicized world, puts the inquisitors instead into a dilemma. “Give to Caesar, what is his and to God what is God’s.”

Brothers and sisters, this oft quoted verse is not much about separation of Church and State. Rather, it is all about fulfilling our rightful obligations. We are citizens of two worlds – heaven and earth. As citizens of this world we must do and fulfill our just duties and obligations. As citizens of heaven we are equally obliged to give what is due to God.

In truth, everyone bears the image of the Divine. Thus, we belong to God. We owe God our obedience and loyalty. When there comes a conflict between our obligation to this world and our obligation to God, we pray that we may opt to stand firm and loyal to the Lord whose image we bear. We belong to God in whose image we are made and whose law is inscribed on our hearts. The Gospel invites us to ask ourselves: “Am I a faithful image or reflection of God?” Can the people who see me now be able to recognize the Lord Jesus?

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny
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.

Today is World Mission Sunday! In Scripture, we read that St. Paul asked the Gentile Churches to take up a collection to support the Church in Jerusalem. Now we are asked to reach out and support the young churches throughout our world. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Go out to the whole world through your gift in today’s collection!

Robert Groesch

Week 15 of fiscal year: 10/18/2020

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

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Please contact Sr. Mary Ellen Backes, OSU, 217-801-7922 or the parish office.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Whole-hearted love

Next Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves and others, but God must always come first.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's usually because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes.

Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others as much as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others - enough energy, enough enthusiasm, enough kindness, enough patience, etc. Likewise, we can't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priorities? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority. This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others and ourselves. As long as we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
How good are you at setting priorities and keeping God at the top? What puts your priorities out of order? What can you do to increase God's role in your everyday life?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
Describe some of the techniques you've used to increase God's priority in your everyday life. How has focusing on your relationship with God helped you to be more loving to yourself and kinder toward others?
Sacred Heart Church in Virden will be holding a “Drive-thru Only” Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 18th beginning at 11:00 a.m. and serving while supplies last at the K of C Hall at 1320 N. Dye St., in Virden. The packaged meal includes our signature fried chicken (1/2 chicken pieces), mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and a brownie, all for $10. Because of COVID restrictions, the meal will be drive-thru-only - just follow the directional signs. 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold - $5 each or 5 for $20. Thank you for your support!

Butler Funeral Homes; Thursday, October 22nd, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning. When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions. As funeral and cremation specialists, we’re happy to provide answers during our FREE program. Join us for a complimentary boxed lunch at Prairie View Reception Center in Chatham for a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is free: no cost or obligation. For planning purposes, we request that reservations be made no later than Monday, October 19th. For more information, or to reserve your seat(s), please call (217) 544-4646.

*Limited seating available due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please do not plan on attending if you are not feeling well or if you or a household member are exhibiting symptoms similar to those observed with Covid-19. Masks will be required when not seated.

There will be a Women’s Day of Recollection this coming Thursday, October 22 at Sacred Heart Church (730 S. 12th St., Springfield), from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. There will be two meditations given by a priest and a 30-minute period for silent Adoration between the meditations. The ladies may take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction during this time, as well as following the Recollection. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei.

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.

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.

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- springfieldpregnancycenter.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!

Sacrament of Baptism Baptism has been called “the door of the Church”, for receiving this sacrament introduces us into the Body of Christ, which is the Church. During this session, Father Peter Chineke will unpack some of the great images of the baptismal liturgy, and reflect on how an awareness of our baptismal dignity can renew our appreciation for this gift and inspire us to draw from the graces of this gift in our daily lives.

Cathedral Atrium, Sunday, November 1st, 6:15-7:15pm

Surviving the Holidays – A Grief Share event
Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays knowing everything has changed and that memories from past years can’t be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one’s death. You’ll learn how to deal with the many emotions you’ll face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events, and how to discover hope for your future.

Cathedral School Basement, Thursday, November 5 at 1:00pm and repeated at 6:00pm. Please RSVP if you can, 522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org

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“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.” — Matthew 22:21
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