St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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.

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.

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. 24 - Oct. 25, 2020
Sat. 4:30 pm †Christine Mueller
†Margaret Parker
Sun. 9:30 am †Lawrence Romang

Mass for this Week
Oct. 26 - Nov. 2, 2020
Mon. 7:00 am †David & Mary Lazzeri
Tue. 7:00 am †Dorothy Atteberry
Wed. 5:30 pm People of St. Joseph
Thu. 7:00 am †J. Mike Geist
Sat. 4:30 pm †Holly Adams
†Joseph Pachlhofer
Sun. 9:30 am †St. Joseph Society
Mon. 5:30 pm †Our Beloved Dead

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“You shall love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

The question of the lawyer in our Gospel for this Sunday was a current discussion among experts of the law in the time of Jesus. The rabbis counted 613 laws the pious Jew was supposed to observe. They counted 365 negative commandments and 248 positive commandments. Which then was the “greatest commandment?” The first reading from the book of Exodus reminds the people (Israel) to observe the love of neighbor, particularly the poor and the helpless (orphans, widows, and aliens). Jesus points to the Shema – the love of the One God – as the first and the second is the love of the neighbor.

Brothers and sisters, the first 3 commandments of the Decalogue contain the law to love God and the rest (7) are commandments that ensure the proper love of neighbor. The first is intimately connected to the second. The second tablet confirms the genuineness of the first. The vertical, which is the love of God, is verified with the horizontal, the love of neighbor. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a great love for the poorest of the poor because she had a great love first for the Lord Jesus.

Let us pray then for God’s grace of wisdom that we may realize that our holiness and salvation does not depend on our knowledge of the law, but rather on our kindness and good deeds as in the parable of the Good Samaritan. The readings challenge us to examine ourselves on how we live and stand on the law of love.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny
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.

What are you afraid of? - Most people would agree we are living in fearful times. We invite you to not ignore the fear or succumb to it, but rather to invite Jesus into your fears so that they can be overcome. Visit benotafraid.dio.org to explore and experience your fears and find resources so you can have peace, hope, and courage.

Voting Resources - In preparation for the upcoming election, resources about the importance of voting and preparing to vote can be found on the diocesan website, dio.org. Information includes: information from USCCB on Faithful Citizenship; Bishop Paprocki’s statement on the upcoming election; reflection from Bishop Joseph Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities; election information from the Catholic Conference of Illinois (CCI); and the diocesan policy on Political Activity and Voter Education.

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Monday, November 2 is the Feast of All Souls. We will remember those who have died since All Souls Day 2019 at the 5:30 Mass at St. Joseph. This “Memorial Mass” will include a simple ritual to honor our beloved dead.

Our Beloved Dead

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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.
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!

The Social Concerns Committee will begin collecting non-perishable foods starting next weekend October 31st and continue through Sunday Mass November 22nd. Please bring your food items and place them in the normal collection baskets located at the entrances of the church. If you would like to participate but do not wish to tote food to church, monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase food items or offset gift cards included with each basket. Place cash or check (made payable to St. Joseph Church) in an envelope marked “Thanksgiving Baskets” and simply drop into the collection basket. Thank you in advance for our generosity.

If you feel you know someone in need who would benefit from receiving a basket, please submit their names. 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. 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.

With regards to packing and delivering the baskets, we will be considering COVID-19 and planning accordingly with more details forthcoming as we get closer to Thanksgiving.

REST IN PEACE

Dave Lueken
Jack Chrans

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

PEP Club will meet in the parish hall on Wednesday, October 28th at 11:30 a.m. for a light lunch.

Questions? Contact Gary Schmidt at 217-971-6624.

Thanks for your participation! Thank you for answering, “Here I Am, Send Me” to your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday! Our parish offered $641.00 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church – a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the “Good News” of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

Week 16 of fiscal year

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**Good News Reflection**

**Solemnity of All Saints**

**November 1, 2020**

**Your own sainthood**

YOU are a saint. Don't argue with me, I know you're a saint, because a saint is anyone who's either in heaven or on their way to heaven by following Christ. In the Apostles' Creed we say, "I believe in the communion of saints..." That includes you! It's the whole community of Christ-followers.

As followers of Christ, we have been redeemed from the power of sin. We have been reborn as "saints" and are no longer "sinners." Yes, we do sin every day; we have not yet perfected our sainthood. So we grow in holiness by becoming more and more who we truly are. This is life as an earthly saint.

Look at next Sunday's first reading. We could see this as a huge prayer meeting in heaven, but it's not just about the after-life. You, right now, are part of that "great multitude" when you worship God enthusiastically. Every time we praise God, we're joining ourselves to the whole communion of saints, including our loved ones who left earth in the Lord's arms.

We're also united to them after our sins are absolved in the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for then we, too, have "washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Until the next time we sin, we're on the Lord's mountain, standing in a holy place, because our hands are sinless, our hearts are clean, and we are not desiring what is vain (as the responsorial Psalm says).

The same unity occurs when we receive the Eucharist after making a heartfelt journey through the prayers of repentance and requests for forgiveness that the Church provides during each Mass. (Oops, until we get mad at the guy in the parking lot who briefly blocks our escape from church into the world.)

As the second reading points out, we are saints because we are God's children. The saints in heaven have the advantage of being free from evil, while we live in a sin-filled world. But notice how we become pure: The hope (i.e., belief in God's promise) that eventually we'll behave like Christ all the time should energize us.

The Church canonizes saints so we can have role models and so we know they're available for prayer support to assist us on our journey to heaven. We should not compare our lives to theirs, however, for we all have different circumstances in which to grow in holiness. We can only compare ourselves to what we used to be like. Meanwhile, we can pray with the saints and accept their spiritual guidance.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How have you grown in holiness over the years? Choose one way to grow in holiness this week.

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Who is your favorite Saint in heaven? Why? Name someone you know who is a good model of saintliness. What is holy about that person?
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 29th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The meal includes a ½ grilled chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and dinner roll 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!

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

Grief Share – Bereavement Ministry Cathedral will begin hosting another cycle of Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us in the Cathedral School Library. Grief Share runs for 14 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jacksandbern1966@yahoo.com. Cathedral School Library, beginning Thursday, November 5th, 1:00-3:00pm, please RSVP if you can, 522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org

Conquer - Young adults ages 19-39 looking to test their physical strength, boost their relationship with God, and make new friends in our region are invited to “Conquer: Adventure, clarity, connection.” This one day experience on Nov. 14 starts with rock climbing at Climb So Ill in St. Louis at 1:30 p.m., followed by Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help in Maryville at 4:00 p.m., dinner from Fire N’ Smoke, and a Holy Hour which includes the opportunity for confession. The cost is $30. You can sign up at benotafraid.dio.org/experience.

Come Along for the (Virtual) Meet Our Sisters Tour! Get an insider’s view of the life, prayer, and ministry of Catholic Sisters in Illinois. During National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 1-7, you can choose from a host of virtual activities ranging from webinars and videos to prayer events and free-flowing conversations with Catholic Sisters about their life of community, prayer and ministry. Learn how you can contribute to a culture of vocations in the church and be inspired by the lives of dedicated Catholic sisters who serve right here in Illinois. Visit https://c4wr.org/meet-our-sisters/ for a schedule of events and registration details.

Cathedral Cemetery Five guys is a burger joint. Two guys (and a truck) are a moving company. Eight guys are on a team in the Tour de France. Four guys are buried in our Cathedral sanctuary. Who are these characters? Why are they buried there? How did their lives impact our Cathedral, our Diocese, and our lives of faith today? These questions, their stories, along with dozens of amazing photographs, information from our diocesan archives, and tidbits of local and global history will all be woven together by two of our diocesan archivists, Katie and PJ Oubre, as well as Father Dominic Rankin over four spellbinding evenings. Join us for a look back into the lives of the current residents of our own Cathedral “cemetery” during the month when we specifically pray for all the dead. Cathedral Atrium, and beyond; Mondays November 9th, 16th & 23rd at 7:00pm.

Freedom from Fear Women's Overnight Retreat: What are you fearful of? Is something holding you back? How often do you turn to God when you face something fearful in your life? Women needing a spiritual boost during such an uncertain time and anxiety filled world are in luck as the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is hosting “Freedom from Fear,” a women’s overnight retreat Nov. 21 and 22. The retreat, led by a few of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, will include presentations, group discussions, personal prayer, reflection time, Mass, Confession, and Adoration. Participants will experience silence and prayer, laughter, and maybe even some tears! The goal is for women to leave refreshed, inspired, and confident to trust God to continue to help them experience freedom from fear in every aspect of their lives. The “Freedom from Fear” retreat begins Saturday, Nov. 21 at 9:00 a.m. and concludes Sunday, Nov. 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield (1903 East Lake Shore Drive). The cost is $135 and includes lodging, meals, bottomless coffee/tea, and materials. An optional Friday night stay (Nov. 20) is also available for an additional $50. Go to benotafraid.dio.org to register. The retreat is limited to 20 people.

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