St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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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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**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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**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. 31 - Nov. 1, 2020
Sat. 4:30 pm †Holly Adams
†Joseph Pachlhofer
Sun. 9:30 am †St. Joseph Society

Mass for this Week
Nov. 2 - Nov. 8, 2020
Mon. 5:30 pm †Our Beloved Dead
Tue. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Wed. 5:30 pm †Margaret Parker
Thu. 7:00 am †Patti Sgro
Sat. 4:30 pm †Charles Gallenbach
†Patrick Schaddel
Sun. 9:30 am †Francesco Porrovecchio
†Don Workman

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“Fortunate are those who mourn, they shall be comforted.”

To be blessed is to be like the Lamb of God. The key word for this Sunday’s Gospel is “Blessedness!” Who are the “Blessed ones?”

They are the ones who have been washed by the blood of the Lamb, those who have remained faithful under trial, those who mirrored the face of the One true Blessed, Jesus Christ. The Palm branch is a great symbol of martyrs – witnesses who, like the Lord Jesus Christ, have offered their lives for truth, justice, charity, and peace.

Brothers and sisters, today we celebrate a great Solemnity where the Church recognizes the 144,000 (great multitude) of the saved from all nations and from all generations. Among these multitude of Saints are not only “canonized,” but also the many anonymous or unknown Saints, even from our own families. All of us who strive to live the Beatitudes set by Christ in the Gospel are on the way to becoming “Blessed!”

St. Therese of Lisieux, a modern saint, challenges us to desire to become saints every day, for only by being Saintly can we be counted amongst the saved. Today also is a good day to light a candle and pray, not only for the eternal rest of our dearly departed, but also to pray to them to intercede for us for they are already amongst the many Saints in heaven. Placing our hope in God and striving to lead virtuous lives, we look toward salvation and eternal life, and are reminded that we are all called to be saints.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny
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.

Donald O. Workman
Carl F. Burg, Jr.
Marilyn K. Knox
Holly Adams
Jan Kendall Haines
Thomas Bartolomucci
James (Bob) Flynn
Gary L. Leming
Pati Sgro
Jack Chrans

Deborah A. Wilbern
James Michael Geist
Gary L. Sharp
Thomas F. Schleyhahn
Ruth Szerletich
Glenn Stamper, Jr.
Margaret Parker
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Holinga
Joseph Pachlhofer

Penny Cable
Louis Menendez
Rosemary Wilkin
Ronald Rappe
Carolyn Cervellone
Louis A. Miloncus
Robert L. Brown
David Lueken

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

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**HOMELESS WARRIORS**

We are back providing food for the homeless. October 21st we prepared meals, drinks, and dessert for 55 people! Special thanks to: Gary Schmidt, Suzy Knowski, Pat Towner, Sue Brock, June Call, Michele Dodson, Gusta Schuchmann, Matt Power, Pat Derhake, Frank Ramirez, Melissa Fry, David Cooper, Lois Jirgal, Mary Bonner and Helping Hands Team. Our next delivery is November 25th! If you would like to assist in this service, call Jill (725-6757) for details. Donations for The Warming Center Shelter can be sent to St. Joseph Church in care of Pam.

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**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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**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.
THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Social Concerns Committee has begun collecting non-perishable foods which will continue through Sunday Mass on November 22nd. Please place your donated items in the collection baskets located near each entrance of the church. Monetary donations are also welcome to help us purchase food items or offset gift cards included with each basket. Simply place cash or check (made payable to St. Joseph Church) in an envelope marked “Thanksgiving Baskets” and drop into the collection basket. Thank you in advance for our generous support.

The committee will be collecting names of individuals and families through Tuesday, November 17th. If you feel you know someone in need who would benefit from receiving a basket, please submit 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.

Look for further details in next week’s bulletin regarding assistance with packing and delivering the baskets. 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.

BE NOT AFRAID

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.

Dick & Dorothy Atteberry
Bartolomucci & Kuchar Families
Glenn Edward Beechler
Bob Binetsch
Ed & Eddie Dahlkamp
Wes & Ellen Dahlkamp
Wayne & Ada Davenport
Dominican Sisters Deceased Members
Patricia Evanich
Ike & Evelyn Fanale
Gillard & Schmidt Families
Malcolm & Mary Grant
Hubert & Dorothy Iocca
George Jirgal, Jr.
George & Lucille Jirgal
Keefner Family
Earl & Theresa Kern
Kevin Knowski
John Don Kolaz
Mary Fran Lavin
Gary Leming
Hazel Madonia
Brenda Milleville
Pieper Family
Paul Puckel
Jerry Sams
Joseph & Lois Shaughnessy
Don Staten
Eleanore Sturm
Timoney & Carter Families
Margaret & Joseph Usalis
Virginia Vose
Fred & Alvera Wiessing
John & Eleanora Yuskavich

Received by Baptism into our community:

Tajira Small
(daughter of Tajay & Hailey (Power) Small)
Next Sunday's Gospel reading shows us what it means to be truly foolish. We believe in Christ -- good! We pray -- good! We put time into our faith growth and we value opportunities for more faith formation -- very wise! And we say that we trust God -- wonderful!

But what happens when God doesn't answer our prayers fast enough? What if we need Christ's loving embrace or his protection from evil and yet we're suffering with no end in sight? Where is Jesus then?

Usually, God's timing is not ours. We think we have the right idea about how soon God should intervene when we ask for his help. Right now is a good time for it, right? Of course! But perhaps not from God's perspective. (Why do we want to leave God in charge anyway, if he doesn't see things our way, huh?)

When we despair over unanswered prayer, the reality behind it is that we're emotionally unprepared for any timing that's different from what we think it should be. The foolish bridesmaids thought the groom would arrive before their lamps burned out. They thought they understood the situation. Do we?

Furthermore, if God's plans are illogical -- if they don't make sense to us -- we distrust them. And then we get ourselves into the mess of trying to handle things apart from God.

We cannot trust our logic. We cannot trust our perception or our understanding of the situations we're in. The sooner we decide to enjoy the absurdity of being a Christian, the sooner we will find out that God's ways are awesomely much, much better than anything we can imagine!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What have you resisted doing because it doesn't make sense? What can you do, where can you turn, to whom can you go for help in discerning whether or not it's God's plan for you?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How do you know when an illogical plan is really what God wants you to do? What's happened in your life that has taught you to trust the Holy Spirit's surprises? Share a lesson you learned when you weren't ready for God's plan because you didn't believe it.
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.

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 5th 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 jackandberni96@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.

Sorting it all out Sundays

What are you looking for? Jesus asked this question to His first disciples, and today He offers it to you. What do you desire? Who do you want to be? Where is this all going? Why are you and I here? We all ask those questions, but how often do we have a place to look for answers together? Well, the next best thing after the Sea of Galilee is the Sea of Springfield, and the high-schoolers that Jesus is calling today aren’t James and John, it’s all of you! Come by the Cathedral for a chance to hang out, ask questions, share ideas, and have some fun. Bring yourself, and your enthusiasm. We’ll bring the snacks, and a chance to solve the world’s problems … or just chill. Your call! (Seriously, we’re literally going to ask you what you want out of these evenings, and that’s what we’re going to do.)

- If you’re in high-school, you’re invited. If it’s the 1st Sunday of the Month, it’s happening. If your name is preceded by “Father”, you’re the comic relief. Nov. 1, 6:15-7:15PM @ Cathedral

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 three spellbinding evenings. Join us for a look back into the lives of the current residents and former occupants of our 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.

March for Life - Due to Covid-19, the March for Life pilgrimage will look a little different this year. Tony Cerveny (Director of Youth and Sports Ministry) and Sister M. Veritas Wilks, FSGM (Director of Youth and Women's Ministry) from the Office of Ministry and Evangelization will be heading to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. Teens accompanied by parents/guardians and other family members are invited to join us. We will be there to greet you, feed you, organize prayer and programming, and provide a place for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois to gather. Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM (Vocations Director for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, in Alton, IL) will be there to speak and lead us in games, prayer, and music. Bishop Paprocki will be there to greet us, and to celebrate Mass with us. Please visit benotafraid dio.org/experience to learn more and to register.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS and GENEROUS PARISHIONERS! Mary Ottenberg from J. S. Paluch works on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad. Please support our sponsors! Their generosity helps us to enjoy our FREE bulletin publication every week throughout the year! If you would like to have your business card handed out on a weekly basis and can help this effort, please call Mary Ottenberg at 314-757-7598, or email ottenbergm@jspaluch.com.
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