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.

Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master’s joy.
Matthew 25:21
**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.

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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, David Cooper

**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

Nov. 14 - Nov. 15, 2020
Sat. 4:30 pm † Fred Wiessing
† Bob Brown
† Harold & Elizabeth Gillard
Sun. 9:30 am † David Paul Lucchesi
† Don Workman

Masss for this Week

Nov. 16 - Nov. 22, 2020
Mon. 7:00 am † Deceased Members of Wiessing & Melone Families
Tue. 7:00 am † Pati Sgro
Wed. 5:30 pm † Simon Cory
† Margaret Parker
Thu. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Sat. 4:30 pm † Ronald Haynes
† Dorothy Atteberry
Sun. 9:30 am † Lawrence Romang

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance...”

The theme of our readings for this Sunday is “Blessed be the Responsible Steward.” The ideal wife, mentioned in our first reading from the Book of Proverbs, is the industrious housewife. St. Paul, in our second reading, exhorts the believers to be on the watch or be alert for the “day of the Lord” or the day of death. In the Gospel, the master praises the servant who uses his “talents” entrusted to him. Becoming productive with the gifts and the time given us, puts us on the road to Blessedness.

Brothers and sisters, the theme of Blessedness recognizes the twofold reality that salvation or beatitude is a gift or grace, and at the same time demands personal responsibility and a positive response from us to the gifts or grace received. This is the reason why we are called to participate in God’s work to multiply goodness in the world. God gives us all we need for this mission.

All of us are servants awaiting our Lord and Master. Blessed indeed are those among us whom the Lord will find “on duty” when he comes. Let us then examine ourselves and ask “Do I recognize the many blessings and graces the Lord has given me? Do I use well the gifts I have been given? Am I a responsible steward of what has been entrusted to me by my Lord?”

Today is a good day for us to thank the Lord for the gifts and talents. Rejoicing in grace makes us grateful to the One who is the source of all blessings and finally impels us to be generous in giving to others as good Stewards. God empowers us to participate in his work to bring about good in the world.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our annual collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) will be taken the weekend of November 21-22, 2020. As Catholics, we are called upon to care for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. The Campaign gives all of us an opportunity to help our neighbors in need.

Your support and partnership in the DCJH Collection is essential to success. This past June, eighteen organizations throughout the diocese were offered grants from the money you donated to last year’s DCJH collection. Through your generosity, all qualified organizations received assistance. It is my hope that this year’s collection will increase so that we can more fully meet the needs of those living in poverty in our diocese.

If you have not contributed to this collection before, I hope you will consider being a first-time donor. If you have contributed in the past, please consider increasing your gift by a few dollars. All the money collected is distributed to organizations within our diocese that provide help and hope to the poor in accord with Catholic teaching.

As disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us offer families living in poverty our prayer, action, and financial support. Giving generously brings hope and helps individuals break out of their cycle of poverty.

May God bless you and reward you with peace and joy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
Thank you to everyone who has made non-perishable food or monetary donations. The committee will continue our collection through Sunday Mass on November 22rd. Please place your donated food items in the baskets located near each entrance of the church, and monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked “Thanksgiving Baskets” and dropped into the collection basket. Thank you again for your support.

The collection of names of individuals and families will continue through Tuesday, November 17th. If you know someone in need who would benefit from receiving a basket, please contact Pam in the parish office with their pertinent details and she will add them to our list.

As mentioned last week, we will be limiting the number of volunteers packing the baskets to 8 individuals which will help us to socially distance better and minimize contact. We will be set up indoors, so we will ask these volunteers to wear masks and gloves during the process. If you feel comfortable with this set up and wish to help pack the baskets, please contact Pam or Matt to be added to that list. If you would like to volunteer to deliver a basket, we won’t be setting a limit on those volunteers. We will also ask these volunteers to wear masks at the time of delivery. If you wish to help deliver a basket, please contact Pam or Matt to be added to that list. 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.

PEP Club meeting for November, due to holidays, has been combined with December, which was moved to an earlier date because of Christmas. Combined meeting will be on December 9th at 11:30 a.m. with a lunch and hospitality as always. More to come before date, but this will be a reservation type luncheon for food preparation. Please contact Gary at 217-971-6624 or email to pswgls0809@yahoo.com with reservation.

Breadline Sunday

This year will mark the 35th year of the fundraiser that benefits St. John’s Breadline. Unfortunately, due to COVID it will be the first year the fundraiser will be breadless. It was a difficult decision for the organizers to alter the format, but safety concerns for the numerous volunteers who work to unload, pack, and distribute the 8000 loaves of bread to area churches took priority.

If you would like to participate, we will have collection baskets located near each entrance to the church before and after Masses the weekend of November 21-22. With your donation, the Breadline can continue to meet the need to feed the hungry in our community. It is the only place in the Springfield community where a free, hot and nutritious meal is available to anyone in need. It’s open seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Please visit their website at cc.dio.org to learn more. There you can watch a short video on the homepage about how the St. John’s Breadline impacts our community and how this fundraiser is a critical component of their work.

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.

Be Not Afraid to PRAY BIG! We currently have 16 seminarians, which is great! But wouldn’t 40 be better?? YES!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary EVERY DAY at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians. 4:40 for 40 Seminarians!
Good News Reflection
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 22, 2020

What does Jesus do as King?

We don't usually think of shepherds as kings, but the scriptures next Sunday describe the kingly powers of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. A good king cares for his subjects the way a shepherd cares for his sheep. Kings increase the size of their reign and accomplish their work over the whole territory through their subjects. That's why Jesus says, "Whatever you do for one of the least of mine, you do for me."

For example, our Good Shepherd-King wants to distribute food to the hungry, all the way to the farthest reaches of his kingdom. How does he get it done? He gives an abundance of food to some of us and commands us to take it to those who need it.

What happens if we don't fulfill the King's commands? Do the starving people think the King is benevolent? No, they can only see his goodness when we do as he tells us to do.

Look at the people who are around you. Each one is an opportunity to give the King a good name.

What about the people whom you like least of all? What about those who've made you feel angry or intimidated or hurt? Well, ask this: What is he/she hungry for? If the answer's not obvious, ask the Holy Spirit. Observe that person long enough to identify the emptiness or pain or fears that are buried under the surface.

Then ask this: What abundance has God given to me that this "least one" is lacking and needs from Christ our King? Can I show him/her the King's benevolence despite my feelings?

When we say no to opportunities to share what we have, we are behaving like one of the goats whom the Good Shepherd-King separates from the sheep on the way to heaven. And when we say yes, despite the feelings that could make us goat-like, the King's good reputation spreads, and we are all blessed.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
What good things do you have in abundance? How readily do you share them? Who is of least importance to you? How can you take your focus off of what you don't like about them so that you can give them blessings from God?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
Have you ever done something good to someone who didn't deserve it? How did this affect your relationship with Jesus? What abundance do you see in each member of your family or faith sharing community that, when shared, blesses others?
Way of Lights A Family Tradition
Friday, November 20, 2020 – Thursday, December 31, 2020
For over 50 years, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate have invited one and all to make the Way of Lights a part of their family tradition. This breathtaking display focuses on the birth of Christ - the one true light of the world. Wintertime sparkles at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows as the Annual Way of Lights Christmas display illuminates the grounds.

Indoor Activities 10 am – 9 pm (Due to COVID 19 Restrictions please wear a mask indoors & follow social distancing)
• Shrine Gift Shop Open 10 am – 9 pm; • Queen Size Christmas Quilt Raffle; • Christmas Trees through the Decades in the Visitor Center Lobby; • Wreaths line the Visitor Center hallway. Participate in wreath auction; • Lego Nativity inside the Visitor Center Lobby; • Carry-Out Menu Available
Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. (Outdoor light display will remain open.)

Outdoor Activities 5 – 9 pm
Journey through Bethlehem and experience the beauty of over one million white lights, Camel Rides & Petting Zoo
Carriage Rides – call 314-621-3334 for reservations
Kettle Corn
Lights on Nightly 5 – 9 pm
Donations Accepted
For a donation of $15 or more get a Build-A-Bear Plush Fox

Dive Deep – A voice from a grave! Father James Kurzynski, a priest from Wisconsin, joins Dive Deep, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, to share an incredible cemetery. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen and while you are there, make sure to subscribe so you never miss an episode.

Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception
Beginning November 30th thru December 8th, the Cathedral will host the annual diocesan novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, our diocese, and the Cathedral Parish. Each night a different preacher will offer a homily on a different aspect of Marian theology and devotion. November 30th thru December 7th - 7:00pm; Last Night and Closing Mass, December 8th – 5:15pm

Sacrament of Confirmation
What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? Having listened to many responses over the years, the general consensus is that it is something we do when we confirm that we want to remain Catholic. While that might be the popular opinion, it’s not what the Church teaches us about this sacrament. So what does the Church teach? Come and join Father Alford to find out, and see how a more authentic understanding of this sacrament will help you not only to know this sacrament better, but draw from the abundant graces it offers to us in aiding us to live as missionary disciples.
Cathedral Cafeteria, Sunday, December 6, 6:15-7:00pm

The Women of The Genealogy of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel
The Gospel according to St. Matthew begins with a rather confusing list of names that lays out the genealogy of Jesus beginning with Abraham. While most of the names are those of men, there are five women mentioned. During this series, we will look at the story of these women and learn some important lessons about how to prepare to welcome Christ into our lives more fully in preparation for the celebration of His Nativity at Christmas. With Father Brian Alford
Cathedral Atrium, Wednesdays December 9th, 16th & 23rd at 7:00pm

Rorate Caeli Mass
Join us for a Rorate Caeli candlelit Mass in honor of Our Lady during Advent. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the light of the world who is soon to be born and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our Faith is illuminated by Christ. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass!
Saturday, December 12th - 7:00pm @ Cathedral

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Spiritual Highlights of Italy with Medjugorje on this 12 day experience. June 16th, 2021 - June 27th, 2021. Your included destinations while on this Journey: Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni, Pietrelcina, Castel Gandolfo, Split/Dubronik, Medjugorje. Plus, PAPAL AUDIENCE for the chance to see the Pope and receive the Papal Blessing, Mass will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at $2194 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only $799 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info or to register, contact Michael or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

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