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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.
**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.

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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**

**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. 21 - Nov. 22, 2020
Sat.  4:30 pm  †Ronald Haynes
     †Dorothy Atteberry
Sun.  9:30 am  †Lawrence Romang

Mass for this Week
Nov. 23 - Nov. 29, 2020
Mon.  7:00 am  †Rosemary Wilkin
Tue.   7:00 am  †Carl Burg
Wed.  5:30 pm  †Don Workman
          †Rosemary Wilkin
Thu.  9:30 am  †St. Joseph Society
Sat.   4:30 pm  †Bob Brown
          †Carl Burg
          †Joseph Pachlhofer
Sun.  9:30 am  †J. Mike Geist

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“When the Son of man comes in his glory with all his angels, he will sit on the throne of his glory.”

This last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Our readings present Jesus as the Shepherd – King. The first reading speaks of a Shepherd who is dismayed with Israel’s disobedience even though there was a promise of the coming of a Good Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will lay down his life for his sheep as we have seen in our second reading. But he is also a King, who on judgment day will discriminate the good from the bad – the sheep from the goats.

Going back to Israel’s time, a shepherd’s staff is very important. It is used to guard and guide the sheep. And the shepherd is always ready to put his own life at risk for the sake of the safety of his sheep. He is always at the look-out for any danger that might happen to his sheep.

Brothers and sisters, the modern shepherds of Christ’s flock are the Pope and the Bishops who, despite their weaknesses, follow and imitate Jesus - the Good Shepherd. There is always great risk or danger in becoming a true shepherd. But there is also great joy for all the shepherds when their flocks are docile. There is also great sorrow for the shepherds when the flock is, like goats, head strong and disobedient.

In this Solemnity of Christ the King, we are invited again to pray for all our shepherds of the Church that they may be like Jesus - the Good Shepherd willing to lay down their lives for their sheep. Let us pray also for ourselves, that we may be more like sheep and not goats. And let us encourage one another to seek to belong to the flock of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd - our mighty King who reigns in our hearts.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Nov. 23
5:00 pm  Liturgy Committee
6:30 pm  CFF

Wednesday, Nov. 25
NO PEP Club (moved to December 9th)
5:00 pm  Warming Center

Thursday, Nov. 26
Parish Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 27
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 28
3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Nov. 29
8:45 am  Music Practice

Please refer to the calendar on our website for updates & future events (www.stjoseph.dio.org).
**Breadline Sunday**

This year marks the 35th year of the St. John’s Breadline fundraiser. Unfortunately, due to COVID it will be the first year that it will be breadless. With your donation, the Breadline can continue to meet the need to feed the hungry in our community. It’s open seven days a week, 365 days a year and is the only place in the Springfield community where a free, hot and nutritious meal is available to anyone in need. If you would like to participate, we will have collection baskets located near each entrance to the church at both Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support of their efforts.

**Week 20 of fiscal year 11/15/2020 Fiscal YTD**

| Budgeted     | $8,041.73 | $160,834.60 |
| Sunday Collection | $4,250.00 | $96,485.64 |
| 5th Week      | $125.00   | $5,485.00   |
| Automated Giving | $       | $11,620.00 |
| Overage/(Shortfall) | $(3,666.73) | $(47,243.96) |

**Those who volunteered to pack and deliver the Thanksgiving baskets will be meeting in the cafeteria after 9:30 am Mass this weekend. Thank you to all who submitted names, donated cash or food items, or offered to volunteer. We cannot express enough our gratitude for your efforts which have such a meaningful impact on people’s lives. As a result of your continued generosity, we were again able to serve a number of local families in need. This year has been especially difficult with COVID impacting so many. The baskets will help bring some joy and comfort to these families this coming holiday season as well as offer a sign of God’s love being present during these challenging times.**

**The Annual Collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) will be this weekend, November 21-22. It will be held in all parish churches in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. This is our opportunity to help our neighbors in our own communities. 100% of the money collected stays LOCALLY! Approximately 159,000 people live below the poverty line in our diocese. The collection is one way we can be a good Samaritan to those among us that are hungry, lack proper shelter, require clothing and/or need assistance finding employment. There is a DCJH envelope in your November packet. If you miss the opportunity to help through your parish collection, you can still contribute in several ways: By mail: Catholic Pastoral Center, Pro-Life Activities & Special Ministries, attn. DCJH, 1615 W. Washington St., Springfield, IL, 62702. Online: with a credit card by visiting www.dio.org/dcjh.**

**St. Joseph Society Winter**

The WINTER enrollment (Dec.-Feb.) will begin next month. If you would like to enroll someone, please complete the enrollment form to the right and return it to the parish office by November 30th. Forms are also available on the website.

**The St. Joseph Society was established to remember loved ones for a specific period of the year when Mass intentions are not available. A number of Masses will be offered in each period. The names of the enrolled will be listed in the bulletin the weeks of the holidays listed below.**

**The suggested donation for each period is $20 per person, couple or family. To enroll your loved one, complete the form below and forward to the parish office.**

**St. Joseph Society Enrollment— 201**

Please enroll _________________________________________________________________________ for the following period:

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New Parishioners:

Family of

Kwain & Hollie (Bracco) Karrick

Annual Christmas
Socks, Gloves, Hats & Scarves Collection
Starting the first weekend of Advent (November 28-29), the Social Concerns Committee will begin our annual Advent collection of Socks, Gloves, Hats and Scarves for the poor and homeless in Springfield. Baskets will be available in the back of the church in which to place your donations at all weekend Masses during the Advent season. The items collected will be distributed at Christmas time to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

HOMELESS WARRIORS
We are back providing food for the homeless. October 21st we prepared meals, drinks, and dessert for 55 people. 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.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS will be for sale in the GYM after all Masses December 5-6 and December 12-13. They are made by Lisa Sabo, are 22-24” and are $25.00 each. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church altar decorations.

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 pswglsls0809@yahoo.com with reservation.

Upcoming early BULLETIN deadlines:
Friday, Dec. 11 bulletin for December 20th due;
Thursday, Dec. 17 bulletin for December 27th due;
Wednesday, Dec. 23 bulletin for January 2nd due.
All articles are due by 9 a.m.
Good News Reflection
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

A gift for Jesus

Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. This year, as we prepare for Christmas, think about how you like to show your fondness for the special people in your life by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that you can actually find something (or make something) that will be appreciated, does it always make a difference in the long run?

How many gifts have you given in the past that became mere dust-collectors? Which ones turned out to be truly valuable with a long-lasting impact?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let’s remember to give him a gift, too. God deserves more gifts than anyone else, but what do you give to someone who already has everything? Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn’t already have? What have you been withholding from him? What talent or activity or ministry or commitment or change in lifestyle?

Next Sunday’s first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So - what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we’re reminded of the need to prepare - to actually do something that makes a difference - for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming. It’s also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breath. It’s about the way he wants to come to you during this year’s Season of Christmas. And it’s about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There’s something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what’s right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and for becoming aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn’t already have. It should make an eternal difference - for him and for us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
List the gifts that God has given to you. Write them on a sheet of paper. Then think about how much appreciation you have given to God for the gifts on that list. Do you know how much he appreciates your appreciation?

Questions for Family or Community Faith Sharing:
Name some of the obvious ways that Jesus comes to us today. What are some unexpected ways that Jesus has revealed himself to you? What will you do this Advent to become more aware of Jesus coming to you? How will this make you more ready for Christmas?

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 story about an experience he’ll never forget while praying at a 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.

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.

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Fátima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain - (Portugal, Spain and France) on this 12-day experience. July 22nd, 2021 - August 3rd, 2021. Your included destinations while on this Journey: LISBON-SANTAREM-FATIMA-BRAGA–SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN, BURGOS–SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA–LOURDES, FRANCE, CARCASSONNE–MONTSERRAT - BARCELONA, SPAIN. Plus, Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at $1709 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only $500 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info or to register, contact Luke or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

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