St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Telephone: (217) 544-7426
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.
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.

VISION 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.**

MISSION STATEMENT

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), 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

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number: 217-321-1155.
Worship Schedule & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions
Jan. 16 - Jan. 17, 2021
Sat. 4:30 pm †Earl Kern
Sun. 9:30 am †Dorothy Atteberry
 †Betty Shadid

Masses for this Week
Jan. 18 - Jan. 24, 2020
Mon. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Tue. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Wed. 5:30 pm People of St. Joseph
Thu. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Sat. 4:30 pm Gene Szerletich
Sun. 9:30 am †J. Mike Geist
 †Richard Towner
 †Eleanora Yuskavich
 †Justine Claunch

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“What are you looking for?
Jesus said, ‘Come and see.’”

The young Samuel hears God’s voice but does not recognize first that it was God. But God keeps calling him. Eli helps Samuel to discern God’s call and respond. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians and us that all of us are called to be temples of the Holy Spirit.

In our gospel for this Sunday, St. John presents to us how the Lord Jesus calls his first four disciples.

It is obvious that “Call and Response” is the primary theme for this 2nd Sunday of ordinary time. Samuel is called; the first disciples are called; St. Paul also reminds us of our call. In all these, there is always a third person who helps the one who is called to discern the call and respond – Eli, John the Baptist, Andrew, Paul. Not every call comes from God. We need someone who has gone and seen where God lives – to help us discern the voice of God in the din or clamor of our everyday life.

Brothers and sisters, we need to have such a third person in our lives, who can help us discern God’s little whispers. If our answer is yes, you are blessed. If our answer is no, do not wait longer. Go and find one. And if you have gone and seen, be one to someone else. Let us pray and ask the courage to come to the Lord and see where He lives. We often come to serve the Lord through the invitation of others. We can offer that same invitation to those who have not yet heard the Gospel message.

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny
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Office of the Bishop

January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. In the mountains of northeastern Colombia, on the border with Venezuela, the Diocese of Cúcuta has been a migration point for needy Venezuelan refugees coming in search of food, medicine, and daily necessities. For several years, the diocese’s welcome centers have served more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry migrants. The primary center, at Casa de Paso Divina Providencia, has been addressing the needs of these refugees with diocesan resources as well as assistance from local businesses, charities, and parishes.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, in solidarity with these vulnerable refugees and the local diocese serving them, provided much-needed assistance to ensure that Casa de Paso Divina Providencia can continue its work of hospitality and mercy. Your contribution to the collection not only supports and sustains these invaluable efforts but also allows you to stand in closer unity with refugees and those serving them.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of January 23 and 24. Please be generous toward the collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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.
**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Week 28 of fiscal year 1/10/2021**

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We are taking orders for the *St. Joseph Catholic Church Memorial Bricks*. Forms are available on the website or in the parish office.

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

By now, you probably have packed up all your Christmas decorations and stored them for next year. We hope you haven’t put your Faith on the shelf. Faith is part of your daily life and, in this secular world, it is vital to have encouragement for the journey. Let Covenant Network help you with your daily dose of Truth with our inspiring programming. Tune into WIHM 88.1 FM, listen on our free app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

**HOMELESS WARRIORS**

Thank you for your time, food, service and donations. This program is so valuable in feeding 70 homeless people. God Bless You Susy Knowski, Kathy Cory, Gary Schmidt, Pat Derhake, Frank Ramirez, Sue Brock, Kelly Meyers, June Call, Tish Winholder, Michele Dodson, Gusta Schuchmann, Yasmin Nixon, Lois Jirgal, Cindy Backstein, Judy Reeves, Melissa Fry, Josie Fry, Mary Bonner, Matt Powers, David Cooper and Chad Cooper!

**TITHING STATEMENTS** for 2020 will be emailed this year. Those who use electronic giving will receive a separate statement from Give Central or ParishPay (now WeShare). If you do not receive an emailed statement by January 31st, please call Pam in the parish office (544-7426 ext. 2). Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

In conjunction with Sanctity of Human Life Month, our parish is partnering with First Step Women’s Center on their Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign during the month of January. If you have not picked one up yet, we will have bottles and envelopes available at the back of the church. For those interested in participating, take a bottle or envelope home and fill it with cash, coins, or checks for the remainder of the month. Family, friends, co-workers or anyone who wishes to help can contribute! Return the bottle or envelope at one of the Masses on Saturday, January 30th or Sunday, January 31st.

For further details about First Step Women’s Center and this campaign, visit www.CultureOfLifeSpringfield.org. Thank you for helping to make a direct impact on the number of lives saved from abortion.
Next Sunday's Gospel reading is a call to surrender ourselves fully to God. "NOW is the time of fulfillment" - not just 2000 years ago, not at the Second Coming of Christ, but right now in your life when and where you need Jesus the most.

"The kingdom of God is at hand" - what you need from the Lord is right here, at hand, ready for you.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel" means "Come follow Me and learn from Me to become like Me."

For the first disciples, it meant dropping whatever they were doing to spend so much time with Jesus that their whole lives were forever affected. And this is what it means for you and for me: We have to put aside our own agendas and busy schedules to spend more time following Jesus wherever he leads us.

In the modern world, we have become more dependent on our technological devices than on Jesus. Many of us cannot even go on vacation without remaining accessible to their employers via the cell phone. Somehow, we need to find a way to take a stand against this. It's one of the social justice teachings of the Church: We are actually called by God to rebel against working on Sundays and other days of rest. Why? Because we need to spend that time with Jesus getting renewed, restored and re-energized.

Unfortunately, Jesus doesn't walk through the door and circle dates on our calendar and write "Rest with Jesus" so that we can plan ahead. We have to follow his lead at a moment's notice - every moment. To experience the kingdom of God on the earthly side of heaven, we have to be willing to drop everything to follow Jesus into unfamiliar places at unexpected times. We have to learn to follow his lead even in situations where his way is the surprising way.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
What's on your to-do list? What keeps you busy? What are your goals for the future? What are you dreaming of? If Jesus has a different plan for your day or for your life, how easily could you switch over to new ideas and plans?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
What are some of the nets you've abandoned in the past in order to follow Jesus? How difficult was that to do? Are you happy about it now? Why? How was this an experience of the kingdom of God on earth?
9 Days for Life (January 21-29, 2020) is a novena for the protection of human life. Participants can receive novena prayers each day by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages at: https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/. Each day there is an intention accompanied by a short reflection and suggested action to help build a culture of life.

Respect Life Rally
Springfield Right to Life’s annual Respect Life Rally will be held at 2pm on Sunday, January 24th at Calvary Church at 1730 West Jefferson in the parking lot. Stay in your vehicle and tune in on your radio to hear our pro-life speakers inspire our community to “let the walls fall” as they did in Jericho!

Dive Deep - From fear to feminine genius. Join Dive Deep, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, as we plunge into our fears. This four-part series in January dives deep into the pillars of fear: pain, regret, failure, and comparison. Subscribe to listen at dio.org/podcast.

DCJH Grant Opportunity - The Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 funding cycle. Organizations and projects that focus on changing and improving the conditions of low-income people within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are eligible to apply for a DCJH grant. The deadline for submitting a grant application is February 22, 2021. Early submission is encouraged so any deficiencies on the application can be corrected prior to this deadline. Details about the grant are located at: www.dio.org/dcjh/home.html. Or interested applicants can call the Office for Pro-Life, Missions, and Special Ministries 217-321-1161.

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.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation - Registration for the next cycle for online courses through the University of Dayton’s VLCFF program is now open. Certificate programs are available for catechesis, leadership in ministry, youth ministry and more! As a diocesan partner, you can register for courses at a discounted cost of $50 for 5-week sessions and $40 for 3-week seminars. All courses in the VLCFF can be used to help with the Catechist Formation Process. Visit www.dio.org/catechesis/vlcf.html for more information. Or contact Kyle Holtgrave at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154.

We want to share your great photos! – Got a great photo? Whether it’s of school life, parish life, or home life, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is wanting to promote Catholic life in action. Through Catholic Times, social media, videos, or marketing materials, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois wants to share your great photo to spread the joy diocesan-wide. Submit your photo or photos by going to www.dio.org/submitphoto.

March for Life - Due to Covid-19, the March for Life pilgrimages 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. Father Michael Berndt from Christ the King in Springfield will be there to march, and to celebrate Mass with us. Please visit benotafraid.dio.org/experience to learn more and to register.

Annual MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest - Announcing the 2020-2021 Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) National Christmas Artwork Contest! Twenty-two winners will be selected in this national competition; their artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas 2021. Two grand-prize winners will also be selected, and their artwork will appear as the official Christmas card of the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Father Andrew Small, OMI. Artwork must be received by January 31, 2021. National contest winners will be notified in late spring 2021 and announced to Catholic media in fall 2021. To enter, please see go to https://info.missio.org/2020entryform. Past winners may not enter this year’s contest.

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