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.

FORGIVE YOUR NEIGHBOR’S INJUSTICE; THEN WHEN YOU PRAY, YOUR OWN SINS WILL BE FORGIVEN.
– Sarah 26:2

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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.

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.

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.

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), Tim Kennedy (Secretary), Beth Cartwright, Linda Medlock, Gary Schmidt

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
Sep. 12 - Sep. 13, 2020
Sat. 4:30 pm †Carl Burg
†Holly Adams
†Margaret Parker
Sun. 9:30 am †Holly Adams
†Margaret Parker
†Margaret Parker

Masses for this Week
Sep. 14 - Sep. 20, 2020
Mon. 7:00 am †Margaret Parker
Tue. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Wed. 5:30 pm †Hubert Iocca
Thu. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Sat. 4:30 pm †Rev. Msgr. Thomas Holinga
Sun. 9:30 am †Don Workman
†Tom Bartolomucci

From the Administrator’s Desk....!

“So will my heavenly Father do with you, unless you sincerely forgive your brothers and sisters.”

The Gospel this Sunday underlines our responsibility to forgive, to be at peace with others, and find ways to be reconciled with those who have become estranged, especially in our community, families, workplaces, and schools. We are charged: Work to bring back our brother and sister! Our Lord asserts His being the only one truly able to carry out justice. He also condemns the world’s cycle of offense and vengefulness and demands a shift to a ripple and cycle of love and forgiveness.

I remember the story of Rwanda, a country located on East Africa, suffered a painful and devastating crisis among its people twenty-five years ago. Around 800,000 people, mostly those belonging to the Tutsi tribe, were killed. Until now, the deep wounds and bloody memories continue to divide the nation. Rwanda’s president, Paul Kagame, in one his talks insists that forgiveness is the key to end the cycle of retaliation. Someone accused him of burdening the survivors with the responsibility for the country’s healing. His response was: “It was a painful question, but I realized the answer was obvious. Survivors are the only ones with something left to give: their forgiveness.”

Brothers and sisters, our Scripture readings today call us to self-examination, for we are both sinners in need of our conversion and called to be prophets and reconcilers for one another. Let us listen to God’s voice whenever and through whomever God speaks and harden not our hearts.

God bless us all.

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

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Holy Father’s Good Friday Collection – September 12-13, 2020: This year’s annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection, taken up in every Catholic parish, was impeded by the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, Pope Francis approved that the 2020 Collection for the Holy Land be moved to the weekend of September 12-13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Prayers and financial support for the Holy Father’s Good Friday Collection is requested. It is through people’s generosity, that the Franciscans friars maintain the sacred shrines throughout the Holy Land so pilgrims can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. In addition, funds are used to build homes, provide jobs, take care of the elderly, and feed the hungry. In times of war and instability, the friars also provide humanitarian aid. Holy Land Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve there, deeply appreciate your prayers and financial assistance.

Please sanitize your hands upon entering. Social distancing always requires everyone to be six-feet apart in all directions. Please refrain from close discussions or gatherings of any kind in the vestibule or pews. Masks must be worn and can be removed once you are in the pew/seat. They are also to be removed when coming forward for Holy Communion. You may remain in the pew if you feel more comfortable and make a Spiritual Communion. The Precious Blood is not to be distributed to the faithful. The Sign of Peace is to be exchanged without physical contact. We will dispense with congregational singing until it is safe to do so. Hymnals – as well as bulletins and other items that may be handed out – will be removed. This will help remove a possible source of contagion, as well as ease the cleaning efforts before and after liturgies. The bulletin is posted on our website (www.stjoseph.dio.org) every Friday. Baskets will be out to collect your offertory envelopes. If you are interested in contributing online, safe and secure online giving is available on our website. Please use the Gift Central link.

Parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.
CORRECTED
Dick Atteberry
Bartolomucci & Kuchar Families
Glenn Edward Beechler
Bob Binetsch
Simon R. Cory
Simon S. & Helen Cory
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
David & Mary Lazzeri
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 & Eleanor Yuskavich

St. Joseph Society
Fall

Received by Baptism into our community:

Andre Natad Hipolito
Jodie Natad Hipolito
(children of Diego & Jo-Ann (Natad) Hipolito)

PEP Club will meet in the parish hall on Wednesday, September 23rd at 11:30 a.m. for a light lunch.
Questions? Contact Gary Schmidt at 217-971-6624.

Dorothy Atteberry

Donations needed:
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Canned soups
- Raisin noodles
- Boxes of cereal
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Spaghetti noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Toilet paper
- Bars of soap

Support Holy Family Food Pantry!

Margaret McGowan, Office Assistant, Catholic Charities
120 S. 11th St., Springfield, IL 217-523-4551 x 117
Good News Reflection
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

God's not fair!

God's not fair! How many times have we felt that way? And it's true, at least by our standards. The parable in next Sunday's Gospel reading is a fine example of this.

The landowner seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much.

God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can do no less.

The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We think that justice (fairness) means equal treatment, but that harkens back to the Old Testament concept of justice: "an eye for an eye". Jesus raised justice to its highest level, which means being equally loving and kind to all, whether they deserve it or not.

We don't have to understand God's higher ways. We only have to be grateful that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own love?" he asks.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
When have you felt undeserving of God's goodness? What evidence proves that he never stopped loving you? What did he do for you? How has your own opinion of yourself interfered with feeling his love?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
Share the story of a time when you saw something good happen to a "bad" or undeserving person, or a time when you prayed for something that you didn't get while an unfaithful person received it without turning to God for help. Despite the unfairness of this, why are you glad that you have known God's love? Can you also be glad for the blessings that unbelievers receive from God?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Holy Hour For Parents Whose Children are Away from the Church • The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is hosting a Holy Hour for anyone whose heart is troubled because a loved one has fallen away from the practice of their faith. Join us on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15, at 7:00PM in the Cathedral, and bring a friend!

Just a little Curious? • Women who are even just a little bit curious about the life of Catholic Sisters are welcome to an online event sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield. Join the sisters 6:00-7:30 p.m., Friday Sept. 18 for Women’s Dominican Vocation Night. The event includes a panel of sisters sharing about the foundations of their lives of consecration to God: prayer and the vows, mission and ministry and community life. There’s plenty of time for some quick conversation with more than a dozen sisters ready to answer your questions and share their stories. Register at https://springfieldop.org/events/ or call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, 217-787-0481.

Called & Gifted • A charism is a spiritual gift granted by the Holy Spirit that gives a Christian a special empowerment to bring God’s redeeming love into the world.

Charisms • Cannot be inherited from our parents.
• Are supernaturally empowered. Received at baptism.
• Are profoundly and directly connected with our relationship with God, often experienced as a form of prayer, and grow in power and purity as our relationship with God grows.
• Are directly and immediately dependent upon grace – while natural talents are retained regardless of one’s relationship with God.
• Can be used for God’s purposes and to serve others, not to meet our own needs or for evil.

Natural talents can be used not only for our own benefit but for evil or for purposes that do not have God’s redeeming work at the center.

If you are interested in participating in Small group charism discernment, (social distancing respected) contact Vicki Compton at the Cathedral, 522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Tribunal Services Curia Job Opening • The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of Office Manager in the Office for Tribunal Services. The Office Manager for the Office for Tribunal Services coordinates processes related to petitions for declarations of marital nullity and other judicial cases that come before the Tribunal. The Office Manager has the responsibility of seeing that the acts of the Tribunal are properly handled along with supervising the day to day operations of the Tribunal. The Office Manager also supports the Judicial Vicar, all judges, and defenders of the bond. Go to https://www.dio.org/jobs/office-manager-tribunal-cpc-springfield.html to view the full job description and information on how to apply.

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OTHER PARISHES AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2020 WE WILL RAISE A HOLY ROAR FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY • The 10th annual Prayer in the Public Square Rosary Rally will be October 10, 2020, 12PM - 1PM at the Illinois State Capitol Building, 2nd and Capitol streets, in front of the Lincoln Statue. We have permission to gather and pray. We will follow all CDC guidelines in place at the time. We will pray the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and sing God Bless America and Immaculate Mary. If you would like to lead a prayer, contact Donna B. 622-8576. Consider leading a prayer with your child or challenge a teen to lead. We will accommodate.

Deaf Interpreter Workshop • SAVE THE DATE: If you have an interpreter for the deaf please let them know about the upcoming workshop for interpreters. Saturday, October 24, Our Saviours, Jacksonville. It will be an opportunity to build community among interpreters and discuss meaning conveyed while signing a date.

Training for Advocates • Training for those interested in representing the Tribunal in preparing marriage nullity cases as Advocates will be held on October 1 and 3rd (First session pick either Thursday OR Saturday) and the second session on October 22 and 24th (pick either Thursday OR Saturday) at Christ the King Parish, 1920 Barberry Dr. Springfield, IL, from 10:00 AM-2:30 PM. Both sessions are Thursday and Saturday. Training is free but Pre-Registration is necessary and must be in good standing with the church. Contact the Tribunal at 217-321-1119 to register prior to September 28.
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For further information, please call the Parish Office.

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