



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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*Pastor Fr. Augustine R. Njuu, A.I.*

*Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 18, 2018*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: Tuesday ~ Friday 8:00 am  
Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 pm;  
Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

## CONFESSION

Saturday, 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment

## *ORGANIZATIONS of ST. JOSEPH*

### ST. JOSEPH MEN'S CLUB


Meets last Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm  
Mr. Jason Hedgpeth, President  
(417) 839-8142 / jasonkhedgpeth@hotmail.com

### PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW)

Meets the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 am  
Bobbie Emery, President  
(417) 209-4387 / roberta.emery@va.gov

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Classes held 9:10-10:15 Sunday morning from  
August through May

 Bonnie King, PSR/Confirmation Director  
(417) 743-2882 / bonniestjoepsr@aol.com

### YOUTH GROUP

Mrs. Michaela Barrett, Youth Leader  
(417) 849-1523 / michaela\_barrett@yahoo.com

 St. Joseph Youth Group-Billings

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meets the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm  
Mrs. Pat Hutton, President (417) 732-6180  
Pantry Day ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

### PARISH COUNCIL

Meets the first Tuesday of the month  
Bill Baunach, President  
(417) 732-4621 / (417) 576-1502

### EVANGELIZATION

The Society of Our Mother of Peace  
Queen of Heaven Solitude  
(417) 744-2011

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets Wednesday mornings after 8 am Mass  
Mrs. Joanne Verfurth (417) 744-2911



- **Parish Registration:** Forms available in the church vestibule & parish office or faxed/e-mailed upon request.
- **Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule.
- **Marriage:** Contact Father at least nine months prior to the wedding date.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office if you are having surgery or have a family member needing anointed.
- **Hospital Visit:** Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a visit from Father.
- **Bulletin content submissions** are due by noon, Thursday.

<b>Bookkeeper:</b>	Mrs. Nicole Dotson	417-744-2490
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs. Janice Fabro	417-744-2490
<b>Interim Custodian:</b>	Mrs. Michelle Seybert	
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mrs. Anneleise Reeves	417-761-0231
<b>Flower Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Heidi Carpenter & Mrs. Virginia Taylor	417-466-3633 417-744-2490

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[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)*



## From the Pastor . . .

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

#### Theme: The End

*The gospel, written 2000 years before modern science, gives its account of this moment and sounds like it's on the right track: The sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.*

*Scientists have it all worked out. They tell us in great detail how all this will happen as the sun goes into decline, expands, and then, collapsing in on itself, explodes in an unimaginable conflagration. Everything else will, of course, go haywire. Planetary orbits and so on...distress, despair, disaster, destruction - the END!*

*Not so, asserts the gospel, confidently stepping beyond the limitations of science - not the end at all! "...then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven."*

*Not only is it not the end, it seems, reassuringly, to be a new beginning. Firstly, it is the moment of the revelation of Jesus in all his glory. This truth should be the subject matter of a lifetime's fruitful meditation. To see our Lord, to behold his face, to be able to discard our faith in favor of the clear vision of him who is our shepherd and redeemer - ecstasy! Secondly, it is a moment of rescue, of salvation. Those of us who call ourselves disciples of the Son of Man, his chosen ones, who have a certain hope in his merciful love for us, will be gathered ... "from the four winds."*

*No need to be surprised at this. Is this not what a true shepherd does? Is it not his task to gather the flock and to save it from destruction? Is this not what he always promised? And no need to be surprised also, as the Psalms say, that his enemies will be blown away like chaff in the wind.*

*Clearly today the readings look forward to this moment of the dissolution of the world and the second coming of the Master. Just count the number of times the word "will" is used - and each time it is used with the force of a promise. The word of God has spoken and it will not pass away.*

*Today's readings, because they are part of the wider apocalyptic writings of sacred scripture, use images which announce the approach of the end. The disciples had read these images in the Old Testament and now they hear them from the lips of Jesus himself and the natural question, which comes to our minds too, came to their lips - "When, Lord, when will all this happen?"*

*This is a natural human question. Our minds like to join the dots to make logical connections which establish a timeline. Jesus, however, does not answer this question because, in his human nature, he does not know the answer.*

*But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father. We might find it puzzling that Jesus would give us so many signs of the end and yet not be able to tell us when the end would come. On one level, of course, this has a positive dimension in that it allows that final moment to remain a present possibility for all of us. Knowing the moment of our own death could cause us endless anxiety or, perhaps, to leave our turning to God to our final moments.*

*My own meditation on the subject leads me to understand that the end of the world, in a sense, parallels the end of our own life. We too have signs of the end of our life - a heart attack here, a cancer scare there, a near miss on the roads, a bout of pneumonia, or simply a headache. These are all signs of our mortality and they grow more insistent the older we get.*

*So we know the signs, they are clear enough, but they don't answer the question when, and so it is with the end of the world. **All we can do is be prepared.** We must stand ready as we live our lives in full view of that door which stands always open to receive us, the door to eternal life. It may be today, it may even be now, that we are called to pass through that door.*

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## Prayer Requests



Sarah Golubski, Nancy & Wayne Clemmons, Leasha Bear, Ruby Wilks, Kathleen & Roger Rill, Barbara Davis, Michael Glouse, Pat Hutton, Anneise Reeves, Janice Duncan, Brad Harber, Dan Chilton, Ed & Barbara Zahner, Mark Black, Laura Medley, Karen Ward, Elizabeth Shelburn, Ron Cafourek, Mason Manegold, Colston Henderson, Julie Kisse, Michelle Lynch, Raymond Garbee, Heather Nicholson, Agnes Hayward, Susanna Pinkley, Heidi & Don Carpenter, Loretta Harrison, Travis Sanders, Linda Porterfield, Virginia Mackey, Dale Lear, Hunter Glouse, Emily Rose Turner, Art & Juanita Steinbaugh, Roy Clark, Chuck & Virginia Reichert, Ann Stever, Halbert Family, Frank & David Luebbert, Coleman Family, Steve Netzer, Ted & Alice Verfurth, Miles Emerson, Sherri Cafourek, Kathy Brewer, Emillia Austin, Jean Hendricks, Joe Elwood, Patty White, Floyd Burger, homebound & nursing home parishioners, all caregivers, all intentions

**Prayer Intercessors:** Gail 817/480-8985, Mary 417/619-1611, Juanita 417/744-2045, Judy 417/744-4430, Sharon 417/695-2207

\*PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE PARISH PRAYER LIST. YOU MUST CONTACT THE OFFICE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EACH MONTH IF YOU WANT THAT PERSON TO REMAIN ON THE LIST.



## PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES

**Overseas:** Jason Boyer, Shelby Andrus, Kirsten Davis, Alexandria Stimpson **Stateside:** Tyler Eudy, Chelsey Eudy, Robert Alsup, Elaina Parks, Clayton Taylor, Dakota Harter, Chris Batchman, Austin Williams, Vaughn Brown

### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 17	After 4:00 Mass	PSR Program & PCCW Chili & Soup Supper
November 18	All Masses	Second Collection — Catholic Charities Collection
November 18	1:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
November 18	6:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service
November 21 -23	Parish Office Closed	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
December 2	12:00 pm	Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner
December 7	6:00 pm	Holy Day of Obligation Mass Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 16	4:00 pm	Advent Penance Service

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — November 24 & 25

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>LECTOR</b>	Bill Meisenheimer	Julie Wolfe	Sandra Crockett
<b>EUCCHARIST MINISTERS</b>	Bill Meisenheimer Chris Sellers Don Hays	Julie Wolfe Taylor Waller Teresa Hanafin	Sandra Crockett Bryan Crockett Joe Sciarrino Rosario Hedgpeth
<b>SERVERS</b>	Gabby Glaser	Lexie Reeves	Hayden Crockett
<b>GIFTS</b>	Volunteers	Arthur Gregg Family	Mikki Teague Family
<b>USHERS</b>	Chris Sellers Debby Clutter	Dale Waller Nathan Waller	Mike King Jason Hedgpeth
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Tom & Stacy Vehige		

### MASS INTENTIONS — November 20-25

	OFFERED FOR	REQUESTED BY
Tuesday 8:00 am	No Mass	
Wednesday 8:00 am	✠ Kelley Mayberry	Bill & Margaret Baunach
Thursday 8:00 am	No Mass	
Friday 8:00 am	No Mass	
Saturday 4:00 pm	✠ Cathy (Napper) Governale	Pat & Peggy Napper
Sunday 8:00 am	✠ Joe Mehl, Sr.	Jerry & Judy Vermule
Sunday 10:30 am	Tony & Mary Vesci Family Intentions	Nicole Dotson

### COLLECTION — November 11, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$1,520	Loose	\$319
Mass Offerings	\$75	Candles	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$329	Maintenance	\$684
Catholic Charities	\$20		

*Giving is Worship*

GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE





# PCCW

**Next meeting: January 26, 9:30**  
*(due to chili/soup supper & upcoming senior citizens' dinner)*

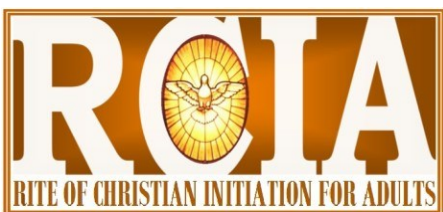
**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOMED MEMBERS!**

*Join us* for coffee, donuts & fellowship after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass. Your small donation left in the jar by the coffee helps make this possible.



The Youth Group is selling frozen Shakespeare Pizza just in time for Christmas and New Year's! Each pizza is \$12.60 (tax included). Money is due when your order. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Youth Group. All orders are due

by Sunday, November 25. Pizzas will be available for pickup in the Church Hall on Sunday, December 16. Please see any Youth Group member to place an order. Thank you for your support!



We welcome the follow people into the RCIA program this year:

*Dale Lear, Debbie Batchman, Liz Shelburn, Linda Sperry, Vacey Palazzolo, her son, Rocco, & daughter, Theresa*



The Rosary Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 10:00 am at 304 SE Madison Avenue, Unit 7, Billings. Rosary followed by coffee time. For more information, call Frank Urban, 417-365-2364

# St. Joseph's MEN'S CLUB

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

**Next meeting:**  
**Date Pending, 6:00 pm, Team 1 cooks**



Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

**No PSR class**  
**November**  
**18 or 25!**



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

A meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held today Sunday, November 18, at 1:30 p.m.

## 2019 CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW



The 2019 calendars have arrived and are in the vestibule of the Church. Please take one per family.



## VESTMENTS— RITUAL CLOTHING

Vestments, the special ritual clothing worn by those who lead the assembly in prayer are “an appropriate symbol of their service” (Environment, 93) and add their own element of beauty to the celebration. The priest wears a long white garment,



an **alb** (from albus, Latin for “white”). Over this is worn a **chasuble** (from the Latin for “little house”).

Today these garments look quite different from our ordinary street clothing.

Originally this was not the case. The alb and chasuble find their origins in the ordinary garments worn in the later Greco-Roman world. Around the house both men and women wore an alb, a long loose-fitting garment. When going out in public they put on a more ornate garment, a chasuble, over the alb. If you attended Mass in fourth-century Rome, the leader of the liturgical assembly would be dressed in much the same way as the priest today vests for Sunday Mass. But at that time, everyone in the church would be wearing an alb and chasuble!



Since the ninth century, the priest has also worn a **stole**, a long piece of cloth about four inches wide draped around the neck. The origin and meaning of this vestment is lost in history.

Vestments are kept in the **sacristy** along with the sacred vessels.



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday, December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Even though this celebration falls on Saturday, it is still a Holy Day of Obligation, especially since this is the Patronal Feast-day of the United States. Please note that the Saturday afternoon/evening Masses which are celebrated as anticipatory Masses for the Second Sunday of Advent do NOT fulfill the Holy Day Obligation. Therefore...

**Mass will be held Friday, December 7, at 6:00 pm, to fulfill the Holy Day Obligation.**



*Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner!* **Sunday, December 2, 12:00 noon**

**Make your reservation to attend the Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner by signing up on either the sheet posted in the vestibule of the church or in the Hall. It is not necessary to sign up on both sheets.** Take outs will also be accepted, but please indicate this as your preference on the sign-up sheet. Reservations may also be made by phone calling Bobbie Emery at (417) 209-4387 or Juanita Steinbaugh, 744-2045. **Please sign up no later than Thursday, November 22.**

Also, if you would like to bake and/or donate a 15-20 lb turkey for the dinner, it would be very much appreciated!





## Thanksgiving Food & Goods Shower for the Sisters

Our parish is hosting a Thanksgiving Food & Goods Shower to benefit the Sisters.

Donation items may be placed through Thanksgiving in the marked box outside of the Parish office.

Suggested items:  
dishwashing detergent; laundry

detergent, paper goods (napkins, tissues, paper towels, bath tissue), personal hygiene items (body wash/soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, hand/body lotion, deodorant, etc), canned goods including soups, vegetables (spinach, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, green beans), cranberry sauce, canned meats, canned fish, powdered or canned milk, fruit juices, jams & jellies, peanut butter, dried fruits, nuts, hot chocolate, oatmeal and other cooking cereal, instant coffee, cookies, etc. **No candy or corn, please.**

**GIFT CARDS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

This list is posted on the bulletin boards in the Church Hall. Please feel free to take a copy with you.

# Thank You

*We would like to thank each and every one of you for all your kindness, words of comfort, food, flowers and visits and especially your prayers during the illness and home going of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, Joe Mike Mehl. He loved this church and would have been touched by your kindness. We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.*

—The Joe Mike Mehl Family

## Our Condolences

to Father Augustine upon the recent deaths of his uncle, Josephat, and a cousin, Godfrey. Father was home and able to attend the funerals.



***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

## Our Condolences

to Ed & Barbara Zahner upon the death of Barbara's brother-in-law, Joseph A. Bahr, who passed away Wednesday, October 31, in Perryville, Missouri



***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

## Our Condolences

to Tom & Pat Hutton upon the death of Tom's brother, Logan, who passed away Wednesday, October 31, in Moberly, Missouri.



***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***



Sunday, November 18, 6:00 pm  
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sponsored by the seven churches of the  
Billings Ministerial Alliance

Come worship in music, prayer and praise!

Enjoy refreshments and fellowship time in the Hall  
after the service.



## Second Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri takes place on World Day of the Poor

Today, our parish joins parishes across our diocese and throughout the world in observing the World Day of the Poor. The annual Second Collection is an opportunity for our Catholic community in southern Missouri to come together, united in response to the cry of the poor right here in our communities. Together, we are Reaching Out, Providing Hope, and Changing Lives! Please respond generously with a donation today: Online at [www.ccsomo.org](http://www.ccsomo.org), or mail your gift to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield, MO 65807, or call in a pledge to (417) 720-4213.

Thank you for your support and your prayers.



## TEMPORARY WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE November 5-December 5

Weekday Mass will be held weekly at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday while Father is out of the country. Daily Mass will resume as normal on December 11.

The weekend Sunday Mass schedule is unaffected with Father Vincent Au, CMC, serving as the celebrant.



## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Parishioners, if you have changed your contact information—email, telephone number(s), or address—within the last year, please notify the office by phone or email, so we can update our records.



## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

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|-------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| December 2  | 4:00 pm | St. Lawrence, Monett                 |
| December 3  | 7:00 pm | Holy Trinity, Springfield            |
| December 10 | 7:00 pm | St. Francis of Assisi, Nixa          |
| December 16 | 4:00 pm | St. Joseph's, Billings               |
| December 16 | 2:00 pm | Immaculate Conception, Springfield   |
| December 16 | 5:30 pm | St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark         |
| December 17 | 7:00 pm | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Springfield |
| December 18 | 7:00 pm | Sacred Heart, Springfield            |
| December 18 | 6:00 pm | St. Edward, Cassville                |
| December 23 | 4:00 pm | Sacred Heart, Verona                 |



## BILLINGS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, December 5, 12:00

The sign-up sheet for reservations for the Billings High School senior citizen dinner is in the Church vestibule.

Please sign up no later than Wednesday, November 28

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

## **OUR PARISH IS IN NEED OF A CHURCH CUSTODIAN**

St. Joseph's Parish in Billings is looking for a proactive, efficient and dependable custodian who possesses an understanding of proper cleaning methods and is a practicing Catholic. Great for the person wanting supplemental income, this is a part-time, hourly position averaging 8-10 hours per week and does not offer benefits. The Church Custodian will ensure that all publicly accessible areas of the church property are clean and ready for other staff members' and parishioners' use.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Clean church facilities by performing weekly duties in all public areas (including kitchens, classrooms, offices, and community areas) of the Parish Hall, the church, the church basement, and immediate surrounding outdoor spaces.
- Clean restrooms: Pre-spray disinfectants and bathroom cleaners; re-supply soap, tissue, and towels; clean toilets, vents, dust walls, doors and partitions; remove trash; clean and wipe dry fixtures, mirrors, and dispensers; spot wash walls, doors, and partitions; sweep and/or wet mop floors.
- Empty trash cans, ash trays, and other waste receptacles into refuse collection bag(s), trash cans; replace can liners. Dispose of trash in outdoor dumpster.
- Using proper cleaning solution(s) and cleaning cloths or dusters, dust, damp wipe and/or spot clean all horizontal and vertical surfaces such as desks, table tops, chairs, filing cabinets, book shelves, telephone instruments, computer equipment, appliances, walls, light switches, partitions, doors, windows and mirrors.
- Using vacuum cleaner and/or floor dusting/mopping equipment, vacuum, sweep, scrub, buff and/or dust/mop all floors and baseboards.
- Clean glass and windows.
- Sanitize surfaces.
- Change light bulbs as needed.
- Make note of any mechanical & electrical malfunctions (locks, dead plugs, switches) and report to office.
- Make sure all lights are out and appropriate doors are locked when leaving an area.
- Return all cleaning materials and supplies to storeroom, refill items as needed.
- Maintain supply inventory and submit purchase requests for replenishment.
- Keep custodian closet clean, neat and orderly.
- Assist with preparation for and clean up from events, such as weddings, funerals, liturgical celebrations, and public/private events.
- Other duties as assigned.

### **Skills and Abilities:**

- Custodial experience preferred, but not mandatory. Training may be required.
- Must demonstrate knowledge of proper chemical handling and procedures when working with cleaning agents including wearing gloves, goggles, or masks
- Understanding of cleaning techniques and safety procedures.
- Ability to lift up to 40 pounds.
- Ability to climb, bend, stand for long periods of time, and work in warm or cool environments.
- Must be able to follow written and verbal instructions.
- Flexibility to adjust schedule to suit the needs of the church.
- Motivation to work independently and with others to provide thorough, efficient custodial services.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Virtus training required upon hiring.
- High School diploma or equivalent.

**TO APPLY**, please contact the Parish Office in person or by phone (417) 744-2490.