



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 25, 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 Hedgpeh, President
(417) 839-8142 / jasonkhedgpeh@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 ~ 2nd Saturday of the month

PARISH COUNCIL

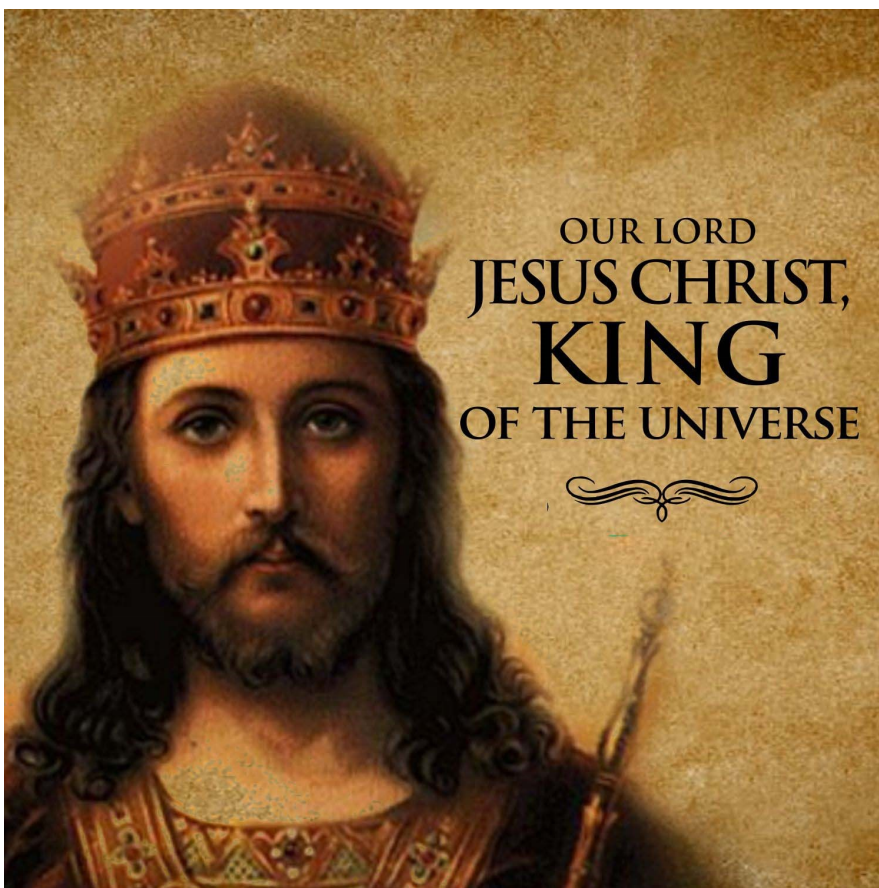
Meets the first Tuesday of the month
Bill Baunach, President
(417) 732-4621 / (417) 576-1502

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.

Bookkeeper:	Mrs. Nicole Dotson	417-744-2490
Secretary:	Mrs. Janice Fabro	417-744-2490
Interim Custodian:	Mrs. Michelle Seybert	
Music Director:	Mrs. Anneleise Reeves	417-761-0231
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	Mrs. Virginia Taylor	417-744-2490

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www.parishesonline.com



From the Pastor . . .

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Theme: Jesus King and Judge of the Universe

In this final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to celebrate the Lord Jesus as King of the Universe. She calls us to look to the future, or more properly into the depths, to the ultimate goal of history, which will be the definitive and eternal kingdom of Christ. He was with the Father in the beginning, when the world was created, and he will fully manifest his lordship at the end of time, when he will judge all mankind. In the Gospel passage drawn from the account of Saint John, Jesus appears in humiliating circumstances – he stands accused – before the might of Rome. He had been arrested, insulted, mocked, and now his enemies hope to obtain his condemnation to death by crucifixion. They had presented him to Pilate as one who sought political power, as the self-proclaimed King of the Jews.

*The Roman procurator conducts his enquiry and asks Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews?" (Jn 18:33). In reply to this question, Jesus answers in the affirmative: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the **TRUTH**. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice" (18:37). Jesus speaks of kings and kingship, yet he is not referring to power, but to **TRUTH**. Pilate fails to understand: Can there be a power not obtained by human means? A power which does not respond to the logic of domination and force? **Jesus came to reveal and bring a new kingship, that of God; he came to bear witness to the TRUTH of a God who is LOVE (cf. 1 Jn 4:8,16), who wants to establish a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Whoever is open to love hears this testimony and accepts it with faith to enter the kingdom of God.***

*Of this Kingdom, Prophet Daniel prophesied: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed" (7:13-14). These words present a king who reigns from sea to sea, to the very ends of the earth, possessed of an **absolute power which will never be destroyed**. This vision of the prophet, a messianic vision, is made clear and brought to fulfillment in **Christ**: the power of the true Messiah, the power which will never pass away or be destroyed, is not the power of the kingdoms of the earth which rise and fall, but the power of **TRUTH and LOVE**. In this way, we understand how the kingship proclaimed by Jesus in the parables and openly and explicitly revealed before the Roman procurator, **is the kingship of TRUTH; THE ONE which gives all things their light and grandeur.***

*In the second reading, the author of the Book of Revelation states that we too share in Christ's kingship. In the acclamation addressed to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood," he declares that Christ "has made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father" (1:5-6). Here too it is clear that we are speaking of a kingdom based on a relationship with God, with **TRUTH**, and not a political kingdom. By his sacrifice, Jesus has opened for us the path to a profound relationship with God: in him we have become true adopted children and thus sharers in his kingship over the world. **To be disciples of Jesus, then, means not letting ourselves** be allured by the worldly logic of power, but bringing into the world the light of the **TRUTH and GODS LOVE**. Jesus' second coming will consist of judging mankind and establishing forever his divine Kingdom. He reminds us that conversion is the only appropriate response to God's grace. We must be converted ever anew to the kingdom of God, to the Lordship of God, of **TRUTH** in our lives. It's the only condition of establishing his Kingdom.*

We invoke the kingdom daily in the prayer of the "Our Father" with the words "Thy kingdom come." In effect we say to Jesus: Lord, make us yours, live in us, gather together a scattered and suffering humanity, so that in you all may be subjected to the Father of mercy and love.

Prayer Requests



Dale Lear, Sarah Golubski, Nancy & Wayne Clemmons, Leasha Bear, Ruby Wilks, Kathleen & Roger Rill, Barbara Davis, Michael Glouse, Pat Hutton, Anneleise 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

December 1	10:00 am	First Saturday Rosary
December 2	Noon	Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner
December 7	8:00 am	First Friday Devotions
December 7	6:00 pm	Holy Day of Obligation Mass Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 8	7:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Day
December 16	4:00 pm	Advent Penance Service
December 24- January 1	Parish Office Closed	
December 24 December 25	8:00 pm 9:00 am	Holy Day of Obligation Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass Nativity of the Lord Mass
December 31	6:00 pm	Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass
January 1	9:00 am	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass

COLLECTION — November 18, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$1,495	Loose	\$182
Mass Offerings	\$40	Candles	\$86
St. Vincent de Paul	\$155	Maintenance	\$174
Catholic Charities	\$1,119	PSR	\$70



Giving is Worship
GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — December 1 & 2 Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Lisa Gardner	Whitney Griffin	Michaela Barrett
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	Debby Clutter Teresa Hanafin Kelly Harter	Whitney Griffin Arthur Gregg Beverly Baker	Andrea Butler Barbara Glouse Trish Bramer Rosario Hedgpath
SERVERS	Nicole Radtke Julia Radtke	Gabby Glaser	Reese Barrett Keira Barrett
GIFTS	Volunteers	Sean & Danielle Chastain	Trish Bramer Jerry Mehl
USHERS	Danny Garbee Teresa Fabro	Gerald Griffin Gus Griffin	Mike Glouse Ed Amass
COUNTERS	Julie Wolfe & Diane Dickey		

MASS INTENTIONS — November 27-December 2

	OFFERED FOR	REQUESTED BY
Tues — 8:00 am	No Mass	
Wed — 8:00 am	Dale Lear & Family Personal Intentions	Bill & Margaret Baunach
Thurs — 8:00 am	No Mass	
Fri — 8:00 am	No Mass	
Sat — 4:00 pm	✠ Don & Frances Everett	Everett Family
Sun — 8:00 am	✠ Jean Heston	Jerry & Judy Vermule
Sun — 10:30 am	✠ Joe Mike Mehl	



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.



St. Susanne's PCCW is sponsoring the quarterly regional meeting on Thursday, December 13, in Mt. Vernon. Registration begins as 9:30 and Mass is at 10:00. The program is on Human Trafficking with speaker, Matt Smith, who works to catch offenders who contact children via the internet. A light luncheon will follow.



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!



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

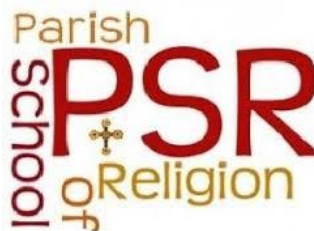
Sign Up For Our Liturgical Ministries!

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Servers
- Readers
- Mass Coordinators
- Musicians

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 Sunday, November 25!



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

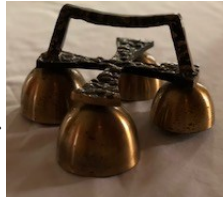
2019 CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW



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



BELLS: The use of bells dates back to the 5th century when St. Paulinus introduced them as a



means to summon monks to worship. In the 7th century, Pope Sabinianus approved the use of bells to call the faithful to the Mass. During Mass, bells are rung prior to the epiclesis in the Eucharistic prayer where the priest prays to the Holy Spirit to change the gifts of bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Christ. The ringing of the bell alerts the congregation to the calling down of the Holy Spirit and prepared them for the consecration that immediately follows. The bells are rung a second and third time as the priest elevates and presents the Eucharistic Bread and Chalice filled with the Precious Blood alerting the congregation again that the transubstantiation has taken place and that the Body & Blood of our Lord is truly present on the altar.



CONFESSIONAL – In some churches, it is common to see one or more confessionals, small “rooms” built out from the side or back wall of the church

containing a place for the priest confessor to sit, separated by a screen or grill from the place for the penitent to kneel and confess his or her sins. Confessionals appeared in Catholic churches during the 16th century and were common until just recently. The current ritual for the individual celebration of the sacrament offers the penitent a choice between speaking face-to-face with the priest or the anonymity provided by the confessional screen. This option has necessitated the remodeling of confessionals in some churches and the construction of a reconciliation chapel in others. In the Catholic Church, confessions are only to be heard in a confessional or oratory, except for a just reason.



CREDENCE TABLE – A small table of wood, marble or other suitable material placed within the sanctuary of a church and near the wall at the Epistle side, for the purpose of holding the cruets, acolytes’ candles, and other

utensils required for the celebration of the Mass.

The **hospitality table** holds the water and wine which is brought forth during Mass by parishioners as a community symbol.



HOLY MASS — 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2018
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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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.



Please use the Christmas Flowers envelope that came in your monthly envelopes to make your donation in the name of a loved one to be remembered at Christmas. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** the names of who you wish to remember on the outside of the envelope, so they're acknowledge correctly in the bulletin. There are extra envelopes in the back of the Church also.



The First Sunday of Advent “Year C” begins next Sunday, December 2. Prepare to have a blessed Advent Season with some of the following suggestions:

- Devote some time each day to prayer and reading the scriptures
- Use *The Little Blue Book* ~ available in the vestibule of the Church to enrich your Advent journey. (One per family please.)
- Attend the Parish Advent Penance Service on Sunday, December 16 at 4 pm.
- Remember those less fortunate by giving through the Angel Tree located at the Bank of Billings.
- Sign up to receive Mathew Kelly’s “Best Advent Ever” online and enjoy daily e-mails, brief inspirational videos and practical tips on how to slow down during this very busy season.
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

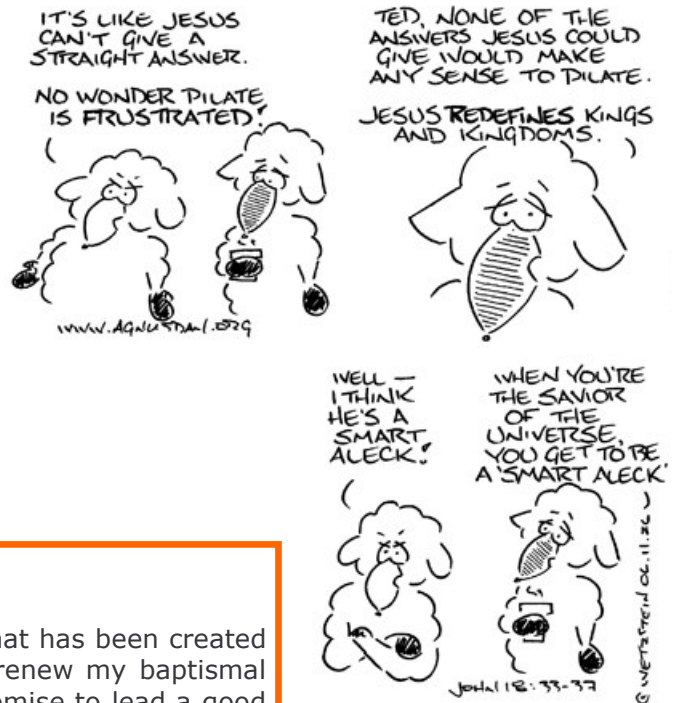
Prayer to Christ, King of the Universe

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the Universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Exercise upon me all Your rights. I renew my baptismal promises renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps. I promise to lead a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my poor actions in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred royalty and that thus the reign of Your peace may be established throughout the universe. Amen.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

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





The goal of the Angel Tree project is to provide needy children with two sets of clothing and three other gifts such as toys. The Angel cards are on the Angel Tree at the Bank of Billings.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this important and meaningful project as a special way to enhance the Advent season. What a wonderful lesson for children to learn how to help those in need during the holidays.

Gifts are to be wrapped and dropped off with the Angel Tree card attached at the Methodist Church on Saturday, December 15, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**BILLINGS HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS
DINNER**



Wednesday, December 5, 12:00

A 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.

**Billings Community Drama Team
invites you**

to attend the live theatrical performance of

“The Perfect Christmas”

A heartwarming Christmas story to remember!
Great for the whole family.

Family gatherings...awkward, fun, challenging, beautiful? All of the above! Rekindle the love of family festivities as you see what happens when the Bradley family patriarch decides to host the perfect Christmas for his family BUT everything SEEMS to go wrong. UNTIL...

Performances held Saturday, December 1, at 2 pm,
Sunday, December 2, at 6 pm, and Monday, Decem-
ber 3, at 7 pm

Admission is free.

Tickets may be requested through the Parish office.

Location: Billings Assembly of God, 749 State
Hwy. 14 W, Billings, MO, 417-744-4000



**TEMPORARY
WEEKDAY MASS
SCHEDULE
Through 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.



**With Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri,
YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

Thank you to all parishioners who took part in the World Day of the Poor by donating to the annual Second Collection for Catholic Charities. Thank you for hearing the “cry of the poor” in our midst and responding with your compassion and generosity! Together, we the Catholic Church of Southern Missouri, are Reaching Out, Providing Hope, and Changing Lives! If you have not made a donation, please prayerfully consider a gift for the Church’s Works of Mercy: Online donations may be made at www.ccsomo.org or call 417-720-4213, or mail your donation to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield, MO 65807. Thank you for your prayers and support!



**DON'T LET
PHYSICAL MOBILITY
CHALLENGES KEEP
YOU FROM
RECEIVING
HOLY COMMUNION**

Parishioners who wish to receive Holy Communion from their place in the pew due to mobility or health challenges, should notify an usher who, in turn, will instruct a Communion Minister to bring the Blessed Sacrament to you after the communion line has ended. Our parish is happy to accommodate you!