



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 September 16, 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 Hedgpath, President
 (417) 839-8142 / jasonkhedgpath@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
Custodian:	Mrs. Frances Everett	417-744-2490
Music Director:	Mrs. Anneleise Reeves	417-761-0231
Flower Ministry:	Mrs. Heidi Carpenter & Mrs. Virginia Taylor	417-466-3633 417-744-2490

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www.parishesonline.com**



From the Pastor . . .

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Theme: Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me.

The Roman Empire used the cross as a warning symbol to dissidents and traitors of the Empire. With the advent of Christ, the cross was radically transformed to represent God's mercy, and love. The former negative attributes associated with the cross namely, hate, shame, guilty, loneliness, disobedience pain, and death, are abrogated and in its place, forgiveness, freedom and eternal life. To us, the followers of Christ and to all who care to know Christ, the cross has become a sign of victory over evil. On the cross, Christ become a substitution, the righteous for the unrighteous, taking the place of those whose sin leaving them spiritually bankrupt and exposed to God's righteous anger. Jesus endured sin's ultimate penalty in the place of even the worst of his enemies. Through the cross, Jesus has appeased or made atonement for all the sins of the world—past, present and future.

The cross of Jesus, therefore, stands before us as a permanent reminder of God's unchanging love and at all time, invitation to choose the path of the cross, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This translates thus: Let Christ guide us in paths uncharted and let go the old ways that gave false or superficial happiness and peace. The way of the Cross manifested by Christ guarantees the satisfaction of our spiritual and social hungers.

So the questions are:

What Kind of Cross are we carrying? Has someone tried to talk you out of it or encouraged to remain in it? Is your cross worthy carrying?

Our Blessed Virgin Mary's life can help us come up with sure answers to these queries.

Aided by your Grace Lord, may I daily carry only that cross, which truly sets me free and leads to true happiness and peace.

ONCE AGAIN.
IT'S HARSH
JESUS.

PETER THINKS HE
SEES, BUT HE
DOESN'T
SEE CLEARLY.*

JESUS CORRECTS HIM
BECAUSE HE LOVES HIM.
PETER HAS TO KNOW!
WE HAVE TO KNOW!

LISTEN.
IGNORANCE OF MY
IGNORANCE IS
BLISS!



*MARK 8:22-25



MARK 8:27-38

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PARISH COUNCIL

Bill Baunach
Dustin Bobbitt
Roberta Emery
Teresa Fabro
Lisa Gardner
Arthur Gregg
Dan Hanafin
Tim Potthoff
Jerry Vermule

Are You Interested in Becoming A Eucharistic Minister or Lector?

Upcoming Training Session
Sunday, September 16 after 10:30 Mass

GREAT
OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE
NEWLY
CONFIRMED!



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, Frances Everett, Heidi & Don Carpenter, Loretta Harrison, Joe Mike Mehl, Sr., Katherine Mehl, Travis Sanders, Linda Porterfield, Virginia Mackey, Dale Lear, Virginia Zoller, Hunter Glouse, Emily Rose Turner, Art & Juanita Steinbaugh, Chelsea Williams, Roy Clark, Chuck & Virginia Reichert, Cara Reichert, Ann Stever, Halbert Family, Frank & David Luebbert, Coleman Family, Steve Netzer, Ted & Alice Verfurth, Margaret Bolden, Miles Emerson, Sherri Cafourek, Kathy Brewer, Emillia Austin, Jean Hendricks, Joe Elwood, Patty White, Gary Greco, 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, Robert Alsop, Elaina Parks, Clayton Taylor, Dakota Harter, Chris Batchman, Cody Warnken, Austin Williams, Vaughn Brown

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 15 & 16	All Masses	Second Collection-Retirement Fund for Religious
September 16	After 10:30 Mass	New Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training in the church
September 19 & 20	NO MASS	
October 4	12:00 PM	Jean Heston Funeral Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES September 22 & 23

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Debby Clutter	Tim Potthoff	Andrea Butler
EUCHARIST MINISTERS	Debby Clutter Chuck Hubbert	Tim Potthoff Arthur Gregg	Andrea Butler Trish Bramer Rosario Hedgpeth Carole Brown
SERVERS	Stephen Hubbert	Lexi Reeves	Hayden Mitchell Keira Barrett
GIFTS	Volunteers	Tim Potthoff Family	Jimmy Butler Family
USHERS	Teresa Fabro Danny Garbee	Dan Stander Steve Netzer	Mike Glouse Ed Amass
COUNTERS	Tom & Stacy Vehige		

MASS INTENTIONS— September 18-23

OFFERED FOR REQUESTED BY

Tuesday 8:00 am	Tony & Mary Vesci Family Intentions	Nic Dotson
Wednesday 8:00 am	NO MASS	
Thursday 8:00 am	NO MASS	
Friday 8:00 am	Leona Lee & Craig Gordon Personal Intentions	Bill & Margaret Baunach
Saturday 4:00 pm	Leona Lee & Craig Gordon Personal Intentions	Bill & Margaret Baunach
Sunday 8:00 am	Parish Family Intentions	
Sunday 10:30 am	✠ Joe Franks	Mary Ann Schaffer

COLLECTION—9/09/18

Adult Envelopes	\$1,309
Loose Donations	\$307
Mass Offerings	\$20
St. Vincent de Paul	\$50
Maintenance	\$483
Candles	\$52

Giving is worship

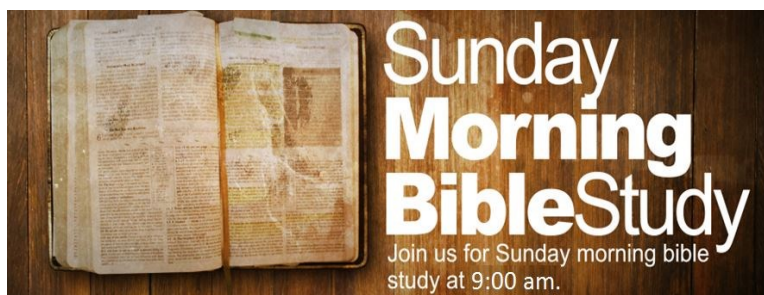
Giving back to the One who first gave.





PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Adult education classes are held each Sunday morning in the adult classroom in the Parish Hall. It's not too late to participate! To sign up and get your book, contact Paula Foster at 417-744-8523 or email fostersr8@att.net.

Join us as we grow in faith together!



Parish School of Religion

It's not too late to register for PRS Classes! Please see Bonnie King for a registration form. Upcoming classes are: September 16, 23 & 30; October 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Pray for the Catechists of St. Joseph Parish who will help parents pass on the Catholic faith to our children:

Michaela Barrett, Sandra Crockett, Paula Foster,
Sarah Garbee, Rosario Hedgpeth, Anne Hickman,
Bonnie King, Elise Mitchell, Tracy Radtke,
Julie Wolfe, Paula Wright



PCCW

***Next meeting: September 29,
9:30 am***

**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. Joseph's MENS CLUB

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

Next meeting: September 30

Our Condolences

to the family of Jean Heston who passed away Thursday, September 6. Jean's funeral Mass will be at 12:00 p.m., October 4, here at St. Joseph.



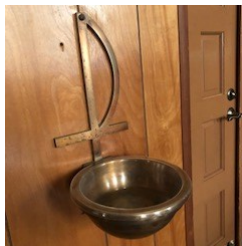
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Visitors to our church often ask parishioners about some of the objects they see. As Catholics, most of these things we just 'grew up with' and never really questioned why or where they come from. To help us prepare for those questions, we will be taking a virtual tour of our Church over the next several weeks.



One of the first things we see when we enter a Catholic church is a pool of water. Baptism is our "door" to the Church. It is the way we enter Christ's



family. The **HOLY WATER FONT**, which stands at each door of the Church, reminds Catholics that every time they come to Eucharist, they come through baptism. They dip their hand in the water and mark themselves anew with that sign in which they were baptized—the sign of the cross. This is a custom practiced by Lutheran and Anglican churches also. Holy water is blessed by a priest or deacon.

CORRELATORS GROUP NOW MEETING MONTHLY

Father David Baunach will be hosting the Correlators Group meeting on a monthly basis meeting the second Friday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Hall. Next meeting: October 12. For more information, contact Fr. Baunach (417) 851-7136 or davidbaunach@gmail.com

LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home Annual Fundraiser

Attend Dinner for Life 2018! By attending, you are helping to give a homeless pregnant woman safe shelter, nutritious meals, loving support and the opportunity to have a healthy baby and change her life! Dinner for Life is an inspirational and meaningful evening, and there's plenty of fun for everyone. This year includes the all-new Silent Dancing phenomenon, an experience you can't miss! Tickets are \$75. Tables of eight. Visit ccsomo.org or call (417) 720-4213 for more information or to buy your tickets! The ladies and the babies need you!

Springfield Catholic High School Fall College Fair

High school students and parents! Please attend the Springfield Catholic High School Fall College Fair on **Thursday, October 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** This event is a great way for students and parents to meet college representatives, learn about college admission, financial options, etc. Representatives from many colleges in Missouri and bordering states will be present.

Retirement Fund for Religious


Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

To donate:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.
Or give at your local parish.


retiredreligious.org

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ANNUAL
BLUE MASS
 FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS



SUN., SEPT. 16, 2018
 ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL
 DURING THE REGULAR 5 P.M. MASS
 CELEBRATED BY THE MOST REVEREND
EDWARD M. RICE


 DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Bishop Rice will celebrate the Blue Mass to honor all first responders and their families at 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, September 16 at St. Agnes Cathedral, 533 S. Jefferson Avenue, Springfield. All are invited to attend (Catholic and non-Catholic) to receive a special blessing for those who work as first responders.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's
 annual
Cherub Mass
 will be held
 Wednesday, October 3, at
 6:00 PM. This is a Mass to
 remember and honor all
 children who have died.
 Please come and celebrate
 this
 special Liturgy.
 A reception will
 follow
 in SEAS Café.



Nominations TODAY!

The Parish Council serves as an important consultative body to the pastor concerning matters of parish life and governance. Membership is comprised of registered, confirmed parishioners. The Council meets the first Tuesday of the month. Members serve three-year terms.

We are currently seeking nominations to replace three outgoing council members—Lisa Gardner, Teresa Fabro, and Arthur Gregg—whom we thank for their faithful service.

Nominations may be taken by any current Council Member (see list on page 2) or by completing the form below or available in the vestibule and returning it to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. You may also make a nomination by emailing (stjosephbillinmo@aol.com) or calling the parish office (417-744-2490). Nominees must be at least 18 years of age and are subject to approval by Father Augustine. Elections will take place the weekend of September 25 & 26.

**Please give prayerful consideration to self-nominating
 and serving your parish as a Parish Council member!**

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2018 — PLEASE PRINT YOUR NOMINATION(S)

Name: _____ Name: _____

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