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Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” He answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate.” - Lk 13:23-24a

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: St. Joseph-5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: St. Paul-9:00 am
St. Joseph-10:30 am

Morning Prayer-St. Joseph

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7:40 am
Friday: 11:30 am-Rosary

Daily Masses

Tuesday and Thursday: St. Joseph-8:00 am
Wednesday: St. Paul 12:00 pm
Friday: St. Joseph-12:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: St. Joseph-4:00-4:30 pm
Sunday: St. Paul-8:30-8:50 am

St. Joseph Church

Parish Office Hours
618-993-3194

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-12:30 pm
1:00-4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am-12:00 pm



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Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am-11:30 am
Closed on Friday

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Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Remember all the sick and homebound of our parish especially: Randy Bell, Agnes Benzek, Betty Blades, Everett Blades, Gene Blades, Doris Bound, Carol Davis, Judy Evans, Ed Glos, Celeste Grider, Diane Gualdoni, Matthew Heckel, Robert Hopkins, Thom Ivastanin, Jan Jansco, Jr., Tammy Jones, Betty Lou Kainz, Maureen Kee, Joshua Loyd, Melody Lukesh, John Macier, Rosalie Maragni, Margaret Mocaby, Harry Mosley, Lorraine Musial, Agnes Olsen, John & Sheila Phillips, Mary Ellen Pickar, Angela Poskevich, Debbie Pulley, Beth Roberts, Bernadette Romans, John & Cathi Roth, Leticia Sanchez, Christian Shoaff, Dorothy Shoaff, Herbert Soberg, Sandi West, and Patti Zanotti.



Anyone who needs prayers because they are sick and/or homebound, please call the office and your name will be put on the above list.

St. Paul

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E-giving Benefits

Have you ever forgotten to bring your tithing check to church on Saturday night or Sunday morning? Perhaps, you have neglected giving to an offering when you were absent from church. E-Giving provides the tools to fulfill your giving.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

St. Joseph
 August 14, 2022

Weekly Budget Goal	\$8621
Sunday Offering (93)	\$5351
Loose	\$691
E-giving (16)	\$1510
Pay Pal (4)	\$341 ⁰⁷
Total:	\$7893⁰⁷
Candles	\$24
Assumption of Mary (16)	\$247
Catholic relief services (1)	\$50

Church Building Fund

Contributions (25)	\$1013 ³⁵
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St. Paul

Weekly Budget Goal	\$1800
Sunday Offering (37)	\$1708
Loose	\$444
Total	\$2152
Assumption (9)	\$195

You must each decide in your heart how much to give, and don't give reluctantly. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Sunday 21

Mass-9:00 am-SP
 Mass-10:30 am-SJ

Readings: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/
 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday 22

Morning Prayer-7:40 am-SJ
Communion Service

Readings-2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps
 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Church Bingo-7:00 pm-KC Marion

Tuesday 23

Morning Prayer-7:40 am-SJ
Mass-8:00 am

Readings: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10,
 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Hiking w/Fr. Brian-1:00 pm
Finance Meeting-5:00 pm-SJ



Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." - Lk 13:22-24a

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in OT, August 27, 5:00 pm

L Clarke Deacon
EM Andrea Arnold, Linda Lurkins
S Nate Imhoff, Aaron Simich
HM Pete Arnolds, Randy Barton, Lowell Smith
Sac. LaVerne Williams

Twenty-second Sunday in OT, August 28, 10:30 am

L Matt Lees
EM Rachelle Campbell, Melody Lukesh
S Hayden Lees, Madison Lees
HM Janice Abell, Sheila Dingrando, Donna Stachnik
Sac. Carl Sternberg

Mass Intentions

- Sat Aug. 20 Vigil: 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 -5:00 pm Intentions of Jack Fletcher & John Fletcher-SJ
- *Sun Aug. 21 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 -9:00 am † Jim Pulsford-SP
 -10:30 am Parish Family-SJ
- Mon Aug. 22 The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary**
 -7:40 am Morning Prayer-SJ
 -Communion Service
- Tues Aug. 23 Weekday**
 -7:40 am Morning Prayer-SJ
 -8:00 am † James Hooker
- Wed Aug. 24 St. Bartholomew**
 -12:00 pm Parish Family-SP
- Thurs Aug. 25 Weekday**
 -7:40 am Morning Prayer-SJ
 -8:00 am † Kelley Halper
- Fri Aug. 26 Weekday**
 -11:30 am Rosary-SJ
 -12:00 pm † Rev. Richard G. Mohr
- Sat Aug. 27 Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 -5:00 pm Parish Family-SJ
- Sun Aug. 28 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 -9:00 am † Ken Sine-SP
 -10:30 am † Bob Perlowski-SJ

*Sanctuary Lamp for the intentions of RMD

Youth Faith Formation Registration

Pre-K to 12th grade
 After the weekend Masses at
 St. Joseph on
 Aug 27 & 28

**Fees: \$55 for one child
 \$45 for second child
 \$125 family maximum**

Sacramental Prep: \$25 additional fee per child

Registration is also available online at
www.stjoseph-stpaul.com
 Click the Youth Faith Formation tab
 Call Angela at 993-3194 ext: 4 if you have questions

Pray for Those in the Military

We remember in prayer our parishioners, relatives and friends serving in the military, especially: Jesse Armstrong, Jared Broemmel, Nathaniel Broemmel, Steven and Michael Garland, Christopher Garwood, Thomas Kadela, Jim McCarty, Jacque Risley, Elizabeth Shaw, Ian Shaw, Simon Shaw, Kyle Shea, Sean Shea, Dakotah Smith, Joe Sullins, Dylan Teckenbrock, Brendan Vaughn, Paul Wetstein, Daniel Wiesner, Zachary Wiesner, Ashton Worack, and John Ryan Worack, Jr. Pray for peace in the world.

Diocese of Belleville



Bishop McGovern will celebrate a Mass for couples who are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years-up wedding anniversaries this year. The Mass will be on Sunday, October 9, at 1:30 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. If you are celebrating any of the above anniversaries, please notify the office so that your name can be submitted to the Diocese. 618-993-3194, ext. 1

Wednesday 24

Mass-12:00 pm-SP
Readings: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
RCIA Introduction
Marion KC Mtg.-7:30 pm

Thursday 25

Morning Prayer-7:40 am-SJ
Mass-8:00 am
Readings: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Pastoral Council-6:00 pm-SJ
Bingo-7:00 pm-KC Hall

Friday 26

Rosary-11:30 am-SJ
Mass-12:00 pm
Readings: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

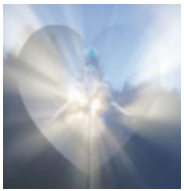


Have you ever been curious about why Catholics believe what they do? Are you perplexed by the Mass? Are you an Adult Catholic desiring to Confirmed? Are you a Non-Catholic engaged or married to a Catholic?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, we welcome you to join RCIA

RCIA stands for "Rite of Christian Initiation" and is a wonderful way to explore the Catholic Faith, regardless of where you are on your own journey.

Introduction and Welcome
August 24th 6:30pm Family Life Center



“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “How to Build a Culture of Life”

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

It's time to honor married couples for their long marriages! Do you know of a married couple who danced and partied in the 1930s & 1940s? Did they only listen to radio shows? If you answered YES, please nominate that couple for the Longest Married Couple Project, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) starting today. Nominations can only be made until September 15. Go to wwme.org (Longest Married Couple link) to place your nomination, or call 321-544-3440, or email dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org

FALL FESTIVAL
 St. Joseph Church & Marion Knights of Columbus

MUM ORDER FORM
PICK UP SEPT 10TH & 11TH

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_____	PINK @\$12=
CK # _____	TOTAL \$ _____
Name _____	
Phone # _____	

Order forms can be returned in collection or dropped off at church office.
 If paying cash write "CASH" in check blank.

Canned Meat

The Ministerial Alliance is in need of canned meats: tuna, chicken, chef Boyardee meat raviolis, spam, any kind of meat in a can. Please drop off in the big box at church or bring the canned goods to the family life center and drop in the marked can in the back of building. Thank you!

Free Senior Health Fair

Senior Health Fair on Tuesday, August 23, from 9:00-11:00 am at the Hub Recreation Center on West Main St. Free Admission, Free Refreshments and Free Screenings!

Saturday 27

Reconciliation-4:00-4:30 pm
 Mass-5:00 pm-SJ
 YFF Registration after Mass

Sunday 28

Mass-9:00 am-SP
 Mass-10:30 am-SJ
 YFF Registration after Mass
 Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



My Fellow Christians,

Below is an email I received from a parishioner last week. It gives us a lot to think about. Enjoy!

Conversation with God -

You: Hey God! I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

God: I would rather not.

You: Why?

God: Because you're not a puzzle.

You: What about all the pieces of my life that are falling down onto the ground?

God: Let them stay there for awhile. They fell off for a reason. Take some time and decide if you need any of those pieces back.

You: You don't understand! I'm breaking down!

God: No - you don't understand. You're breaking through. What you are feeling are just growing pains. You are shedding the things and the people in your life that are holding you back. You aren't falling apart. You are falling into place. Relax. Take some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need anymore to fall off of you. Quit holding onto the pieces that don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

You: Once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

God: Only the very best pieces of you.

You: I'm scared of changing.

God: You're not changing! YOU ARE BECOMING!

You: Becoming who?

God: Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light and love and charity and hope and courage and joy and mercy and grace and compassion. I made you for more than the shallow pieces you have decided to adorn yourself with that you cling to with such greed and fear. Let those things fall off of you. I love you! Don't change!...Become! Become! Become who I made you to be. I'm going to keep telling you this until you remember it.

You: There goes another piece of me.

God: Yep. Let it be.

You: So...I'm broken?

God: Of course not! But you are breaking like the dawn. It's a new day. Become!

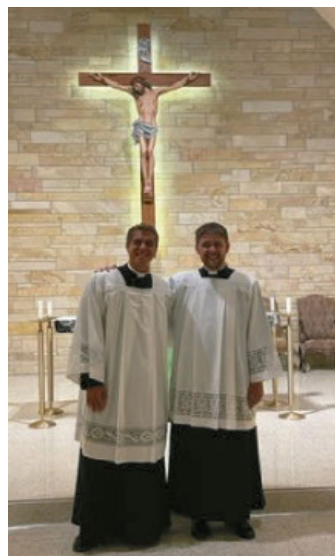
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Fr. Brian

FACE driver Request

Do you know of someone who might want to drive the FACE bus to Cape Girardeau next year? It would be 3 times a week. Every other week. The schedule would be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. It does not require a special license. The bus leaves Herrin at around 6am and returns around 5-ish (depending on clubs after school). We would pay that person for the day. They can do anything they want during the day. But we just ask that they be a good steward when it comes to the gas and not drive to St. Louis or something like that. Just stick around Cape. Maybe a retired person? Someone with a good driving record.

Contact Elizabeth Huhman 618-889-5122 (call or text)
Thehuhmans @ Gmail . Com



Here is the address for our Seminarians, if you would like to write to them.

Ben Baker & Casmir Cozzi

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
5200 Glennon Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

St. Paul Church



LAMP INTENTIONS:

Special intentions from a Parishioner
Special intentions for Virginia from the Girls
In honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Special intentions of a Parishioner
Prayers for good health results for my husband, Lance Ratachie,
from Carol

LAMP INTENTIONS IN LOVING MEMORY AND REPOSE OF SOULS:

Grandma & Grandpa Helfrich from Gary, Tammy, John Michael,
Jeremy & Brent
William F. & Jimmy Smith by their Family
Nono, Noni, JoAnn, Pedro & Chuckie from Chuck, Judy & Ryan
Sam & Mary Davis, Dave, C.B. Scott & Jerry from Chuck, Judy & Ryan
Erin from Dad, Mama & Ry
Vernon Kee from Maureen, Scout, Karen, Judi, Tim & Rick
Ralph & Eileen Lee by Maureen Kee & Family
Granny & Grampy Anderson with love Rob, Andrea, Amelia & Ava
Polich, Zasada and Bishop Families from Donnie & Janice
Joe, Agnes and Phyllis Poskevich from their Family
Paul Farthing by Marilyn & Family
Rebekah Anne from Grandpa & Grandma
Rose Jansco Roberson from the Family
Mary Moroni Thomas from Dwain & Martin

Wally Musial from Lorraine
Peter & Frances Glad & Family from Lorraine Musial
Carl Durano and Family from Marilyn Durano
Joseph & Palmira Poskevich from their Family
Loren, Georgina, & Ben from Daniel & Nicki
Tom Evans from Sandra Evans & Family
Rebekah from Gary, Tammy, John Michael, Jeremy & Brent
Jack Hatfield from Gary, Tammy, John Michael, Jeremy & Brent
Holly Pyle from Gary, Tammy, John Michael, Jeremy & Brent
Dale Jones by Carol
Molly Jeanette by her Dads
Vernon Kee by son Tim & Rick
Richard & Jeanette Wade by son Rick & Tim
Loved Ones from a Parishioner
My friend, Rosemary Wilson, from Carol Ratachie
Steve Burgess from Sue

Birthdays Blessings

August
No Birthdays

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

August
27 Everett & Betty Blades (62 years)



MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS AT ST. PAUL August 28, 2022-9:00 am

L	Betty Lou Kainz
S	Kayden Martin, Marcus Leitzen
EM	John Roth
G	Tim Kee, Rick Wade
GB	The Ushers
U	Tim Kee-Rick Wade-Joe Pulsford

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Home Bound and Hospital Visits

Please call if you or a family member would like to receive a visit from Father Brian Barker or one of the parishioners. Please call Rita Dutton at 889-7215 or the office in Marion at 993-3194, opt. 1 or Sandi West in Johnston City at 983-5073

Calendar of Events

August
21 Mass-9:00 am-SP
Coffee & Donuts after Mass
24 Mass-12:00 pm-SP
28 Mass-9:00 am-SP



Spaghetti Dinner

We are now in the process of planning our annual Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Country Store. If you would like to make a donation for the Raffle, please call Beth Schwartz (773) 456-1078 or Barbara Cooksey (618) 201-7943. Donations for the Country Store, call Cindy Pulsford (618) 694-4385.





GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 21, 2022
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. “When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).”

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, “all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews).”

“What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God’s creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before. ©LPi

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