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Parish Office Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mass Schedule / Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Monday - NO MASS

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am
Holy Day Masses - As Announced
Confessions- 3:15-3:45pm Saturday

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
every Tuesday after Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday after Mass
Rosary every Thursday at 5pm
First Friday adoration after Mass until Noon

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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October 17, 2021

Baptisms - Baptismal Preparation Program is required call Rectory for Appointment

Marriage - Call the rectory at least 6 months in advance for appointment. Registration and Active Membership are Required.

Parish Registration - New families and individuals are asked to register at the rectory at their earliest opportunity. Each family or wage earner is requested to use the weekly envelope system.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or needing PSR, please call the Rectory Office at 618-465-4221

From the Pastor's Desk - Year of St. Joseph



In this month of the holy rosary, I invite you to read the special insert in the bulletin this week. Emilia Fernandez, a Romani, was beatified in 2017. She is known as the Martyr of the Rosary, dying for her Catholic faith during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). May her example of prayer, especially in the praying of the rosary and her love for her unborn child, help us to know, love and serve God and love our Blessed Mother Mary. Blessed Emilia, pray for us!

We had a great parish town-hall meeting on October 5th. We began the meeting with a prayer service of thanksgiving to God for the past life of our parish and asked the Holy Spirit to aid us in our present task now and into the future.

Presently, I have two letters written to the Bishop which he has on his desk, I would imagine. One letter asks for permission to replace now the existing roofs on the annex and the rectory. A parishioner has generously volunteered to give the monies necessary to make this happen. The cost for both roofs is \$58,618.00.

The second letter informs Bishop that a parishioner is willing to pay \$100,000.00 for the next five years to the debt if he will forgive the rest of the debt which would be \$375,000.00. I await his response on both letters. Pray to the Holy Spirit that both answers will be in the affirmative. If the diocese would do this, it would bring much hope to the work ahead of us.

Another parishioner - Bob Logan - said he would give \$50,000.00 toward the campaign, matching any donation up to \$100,000.00. We finished the meeting with Mike Fitzgerald giving some suggestions on how to donate money toward the campaign with penalties from IRAs and retirement funds. There are copies of the handouts from that portion of the meeting in the back of church on the long table. Lastly, I want to thank everyone who came to the two hour meeting and shared what was on their mind. We needed to give anyone the chance to speak, and I think we did. It was a peaceful, fruitful meeting and it showed the love and concern for the Old Cathedral of the Diocese of Springfield, IL. I am proud to be the pastor of this parish and to walk with each parishioner on our journey in God's kingdom.

Three individuals have approached volunteering to be on a capital campaign committee. I have gladly welcomed them and invite a few other folks to come forward and be a part of the committee. Please consider this and give me a call at the rectory office.

Monday is our day for participating in the 40 Days for Life. We will witness both at the abortion facility in Granite City and for those who cannot make the trip, prayer time in church before the Blessed Sacrament. Please take some time to do either one or both as you witness to the sacredness of life, from the womb to the tomb.

This week I will be with family members on our annual trip to Pere Marquette Lodge Monday-Wednesday. It's funny to think of it has vacation when the lodge is just up the road from me! I hope we have good weather although it seems to rain every time we are there. Go figure. Part of our trip is coming into Alton one morning...not quite so exciting for me now but my sisters sure enjoy it and that's what counts.

God's blessing in this new week of grace.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Jeff

October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi

SDCCW CONVENTION THANK YOU! Thank you to all who supported and helped with the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention on Sept. 29 in Jacksonville, IL, and to Our Lady of Good Counsel for her loving motherly care. It was a very grace-filled day with many traveling to share in it. I can't wait to see what the Blessed Mother does with all of the "seeds" that were planted that day! The Mass Collection for the day was \$888.00-a great offering! In presenting it to the Director of the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, (our designated recipient), she was so grateful! She informed me that this amount would pay the cost to serve almost 4 women (and their beautiful babies) at the center, including the life-saving sonogram, the care program and all they offer in helping them give their babies LIFE instead of abortion. I thought it would be nice for you to know how far your generosity extends and what an impact it will make! Thank you for attending, giving and sharing the Faith selflessly! Let us not grow weary, but take what we gained at convention and plant it abundantly, for you are making a great impact and Our Lord needs you to continue! May God continue to bless our Diocesan Catholic Women's Council!

-Angela Lipcamon, SDCCW Convention Chairperson

After much prayer and discussion it has been decided that COVID makes our having a full Christmas Bazaar too problematic at this time.

We will however, be mailing 50/50 Raffle tickets to you again this year and are counting on you to purchase some, sell some, and hopefully win some! Drawing will take place on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

We are also hoping we can determine a safe manner of having a Basket Raffle. At this point in time we are planning to display baskets in the Gym in the Parish Center after Masses the weekends of November 20 and

November 27, with basket drawings being held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 27th. With only baskets in the gym we should be able to safely space them and will count everyone being mindful of safe distancing as baskets are viewed. We are asking for ideas and suggestions from interested parishioners and will need volunteers to sell tickets in the gym after each Mass. We are, of course, counting on the generosity of all of our parish members in providing completed baskets, items to make baskets and/or cash for baskets. Anyone who is interested can contact Sherry Rexford at 618-465-2947.

Monies raised through the 50/50 and Basket Raffles will be given to SS Peter and Paul Parish.

St. Joseph Candles October

- ❖ Intentions of Terri & Dan Beiser
- ❖ Personal Intentions - Brad Hampton, Martha Rankin, & Matthew Coolbaugh
- ❖ Special Intentions - The Smith & Stilwell Families
- ❖ Special Intentions - Carla Mackelden
- ❖ Special Intentions - Bruce & Paula Malone



October 16-17 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4 pm † Lola Mae and Walter Voils and
For Marquette High School Class of 1961
(living and deceased)

Sunday 8:00 am † Roberta Fleming

10:00 am Living and deceased members of the Parish

Monday, October 18 NO MASS

Tuesday, October 19 NO MASS

Wednesday, October 20 NO MASS

Thursday, October 21 Weekday
8:15 am † George and Rose Woelfel

Friday, October 22 St. John Paul II
8:15 am † Tim Mackelden

October 23-24 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 4 pm † Jo Ann Walsh

Sunday 8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Parish

10:00 am † Bill Bray and † Robert Britts



October 16

Jim Henrich

October 17

William Ackerman

October 19

Gary Stickner

Kimberly Zahner

Casey Marko

Allyson Dooley

Louie Lincoln

October 21

Hugh Watson



October 23-24

Lector

4pm - Mike Fitzgerald

8am - Owen Williams

10am - Mary Anne Kilmurray

Extraordinary Ministers

4pm - Pat Little

8am - Ann Hornsey

10am - Darlene Watts

Servers

4pm - Dave Cordes

8am - Sean Williams

10am - Jack Snyders

Ushers

4pm - William Koniak, Jonathan & Nathan Lentz

8am - NEEDED

10am - Scott & Greyson Snider

Weekly Financial Report

Collection	October 10, 2021
Envelope Collection	\$ 7,120.00
Loose	\$ 452.35
On-Line	\$ 220.00
Parish Tithing	\$ 95.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Gift Shop	\$ 50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,137.35
Budgeted Income	\$ 7,500.00
Overage/Shortage	+ \$ 637.35

Of 239 Envelope Holders

87 contributed to the
Sunday Collection

Mass Attendance
October 9-10

Saturday 4:00 - 135

Sunday 8:00 - 59

Sunday 10:00 - 84

Total Attendance - 278

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON
OCTOBER 18, 19, AND 20

FATHER JEFF WILL RETURN
ON OCTOBER 21 FOR
MASS AT 8:15 AM

World Mission Sunday Collection will be on October 24 this year.

World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

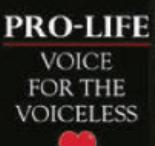


Please clip the following prayer and take it with you on our 40 days for Life Adoption day on Monday, October 18th to either the abortion facility or to Adoration in Church. If you are not participating, we invite you to pray this prayer sometime during the day.

Prayer for the Closing of the Abortion Mill

Father, all life is in Your care. You have entrusted us to one another, That we may show our brothers and sisters the same love You have for us. We pray, then, for the least among us, the children in the womb. Protect them from the violence of abortion. We pray for those who are scheduled to die at The Hope (less) Center. Save them from death. Give new hope to their parents, That they may turn away from the desperate act of abortion. Grant conversion to the abortionist and to the staff. Show us how we are to respond to the bloodshed In our midst, And lead us to the day when this place of death Will be transformed into a haven of life. Guard us with your joy and your peace. For in You, life is victorious.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thanks to Everyone Who Participated in Life Chain Sunday on October 3rd. It is always encouraging to see New Faces participating, as well as all who continue each year to Stand Up and Pray for an end to abortion!
- Your Pro-Life Committee



REMEMBER in your prayers

Lisa Curtis
 Jennifer Martin
 Lisa Brinkman
 Beth Ann Alvi
 Patricia Harmon
 Wes Schultz
 Shane Fin
 Barb Hinson
 Vicki Conley
 Gary Osborne
 Julie Gray
 Maren Poettker
 Regina Shaw
 Trent Ward
 Bill Parker
 Mary Schwegel Gillett
 Matthew Paulda
 Regan Taylor
 Tim Holt
 Ryan Lopez

Jodie Huber
 Rita Parker
 Beverly Fischer
 Helen Sands
 Robert Curry
 Tony Marin
 Susan Hendrickson
 Earl Phillips
 Brianne Bagwill
 Leo McCleod
 Tracy Mahan
 Carla Mackelden
 Ann and Rich Phillips
 Marilyn Smith
 John Brinkman
 Tony Martin
 Dana Fallon
 Dave Simonds
 Ken Petitti
 Shirley Plunk
 Ashley Taylor
 Amanda Wohlert
 Mike Blakely
 Our Men and Women in the Military

Our Vincentian Clients
 Keep Children of the World Safe
 Shirley Hicks
 Marilyn Smith
 Brad Johnson
 Richard Siemer
 Annette Walsh
 Sara Cleary
 Angie Campagna-Goska
 Rita Wyatt

- ◆ Please call the office if a name is to be removed from the list.
 - ◆ Names in **BOLD** will be removed unless we receive a prayer update
 - ◆ If you know of any parishioner that is in a Nursing Home or Home-bound, please let the rectory office know. Also, let us know which Nursing Home they are in.
- Thank You.

MUSIC - October 17, 2021 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional: #719 What Wondrous Love is This

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #1013

Offertory: #831 In Christ There is No East or West

Communion: #786 I Received the Living God

Recessional: #468 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

*Flowers on the Altar Are for
 the Glory of God*

*and in Memory of
 George Hickey*



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 ON OR BEFORE MONDAY AT 12 NOON.
 PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR BULLETIN
 REQUEST TO:
 ssppchurch717@yahoo.com**

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

October 2021
 Intention for Evangelization -
 Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

If you wish to place flowers on the High Altar for a certain weekend, please call Theresa at the parish office.
618-465-4221

The cost is \$40 for 2 bouquets created by Dick's Flowers.

As the landscape changes and wraps itself in the brilliant hues of Autumn, the programming on Covenant Network reminds us of the beautiful truths of our Catholic faith and keeps us focused on the things that matter. During the month of October, you can pray the Holy Rosary with Covenant Network at 10:00 AM and immediately after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. Listen and pray along on WRYT 1080 AM or 92.7 FM. If those times are not optimal for you, use our Covenant Network App or the web: OurCatholicRadio.org for Rosary resources that fit your individual schedule.



Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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