

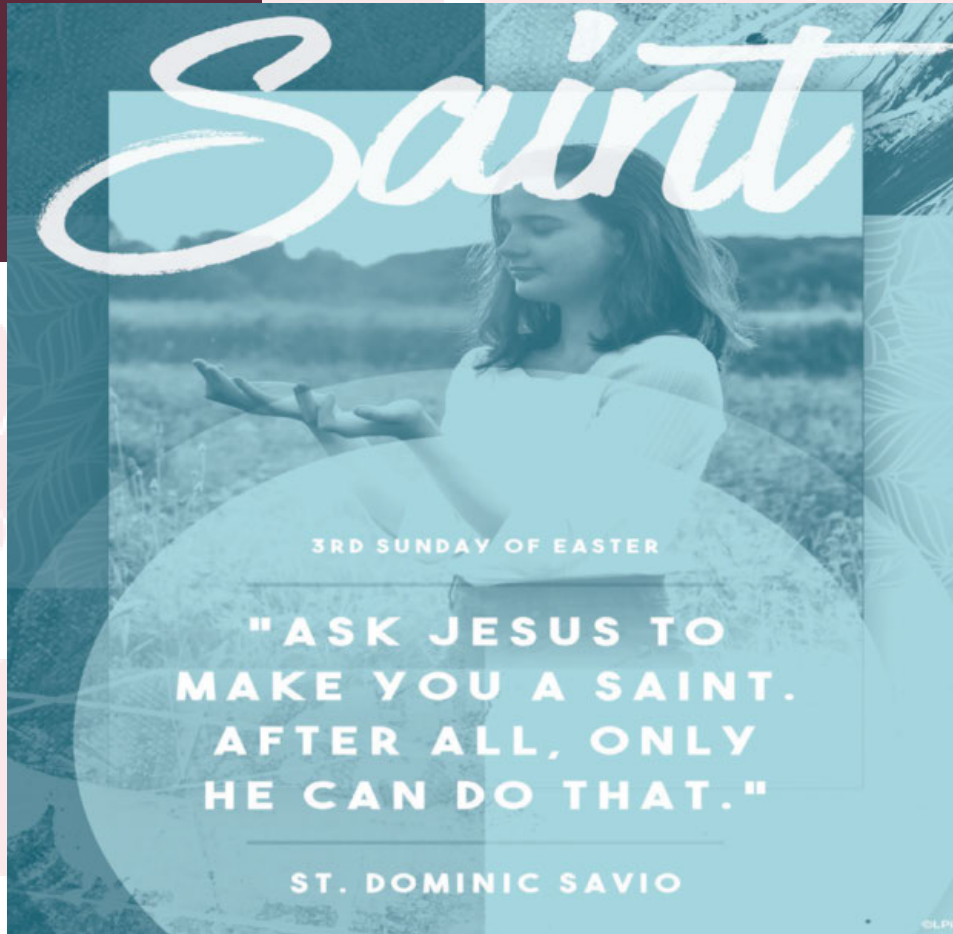
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2022

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Church



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OUR MISSION

We are a Catholic Community whom God has called together through Baptism. As part of Christ's Living Church, we welcome all to:

Worship with us through our Liturgical Celebrations; Learn with us the teachings of Jesus as we expand our discipleship; Serve with us God's people inside and outside Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a spirit of stewardship; and Gather with us to celebrate Christ's two great commandments of love.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30am
Thursday 2:00pm
(when school is in session)

Weekend Mass

Saturday - Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30
Spanish Mass 11:30am

Confessions

Thursday - 12:00pm
Saturday - 11:00am



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Upcoming Changes

Around this time of year, new priesthood assignments are announced. Many priests stay where they are, but it is also not uncommon for changes to happen. In case you haven't heard, I announced this past weekend that I am receiving

a change of assignment. Starting July 1st, I am going to St. Boniface in Edwardsville. I will be the Parochial Vicar (Assistant Priest), serving with Fr. Jeff Goeckner, the pastor. I will also be assistant chaplain at Fr. McGivney Catholic High School. As I mentioned in my announcement, I am familiar with St. Boniface because I was assigned there as a deacon. Fr. Wayne Stock will be officially assigned here July 1st to take my place, although you will see him serving here with us all now, as he is currently in residence at Our Lady of Lourdes.

With changes of assignment there is a mixture of emotions. There is sadness about leaving a community you have come to know, love, and serve, but also excitement about what the future holds. I want to thank everyone for their love and support. I have always felt welcomed and appreciated in my almost two years here at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Thomas. You have supported me in so many ways, whether that be affirmations and conversations after Mass, or heartfelt Christmas and birthday cards. Thank you so much!

At this time of the year, there can be maybe some questions, curiosity, or even frustration about changes of assignments. "Why do changes happen?" The personnel board, composed of the Bishop, some priests, and laypeople, all work together to determine where priests should be assigned. As priests retire or move to other parishes, there is a need to rearrange priests according to the needs of the Diocese. There are certainly advantages for a priest to be at a place a long time so that he can come to know people and settle in to where he is assigned. The advantages to moving a priest is to allow for parishes to get to experience a variety of priests, and sometimes moving can give a priest a fresh new start so that he does not become stagnant. Some

priests have certain gifts and personalities that make them a better fit for certain parishes. For newer priests, there is the hope they can get experiences at a variety of parishes to help prepare them to be a pastor. I have mentioned some, but the list is not exhaustive. Some people like assignments changes that happen, while others might find them confusing. Regardless of what one experiences, the personnel board is composed of many people who truly try to make assignment changes for the best of our Diocese.

Although the overall number of priests is not decreasing at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Thomas, this time of the year is a good reminder of the importance of praying for vocations to the priesthood. Prayer really makes a difference. It is not a vague wish or mustering up a feeling of hopefulness; *prayer is powerful*. Jesus says in Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." God wants us to have an abundance of holy priests, but mysteriously enough, it is something he makes conditioned on our prayer. Whenever I say the meal prayer, I add extra prayers after the normal food blessing. It is a great time to add on little intentions and petitions. The vocation prayer that I seriously encourage you and your families to pray after the meal prayer is this, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few—**Master, send laborers for your harvest.**" The underlined first half can be done by the leader, while anyone else present can do the response in bold, or the entire prayer can be prayed together. It takes literally less than 5 seconds, making it a total of 10-15 seconds a day.

In reality, we ought to pray constantly for a renewal in marriages and families. Good and holy priests come from good and holy families. What does it mean to promote vocations to priesthood or religious life, when many families hardly come to Mass? For that reason, I also pray for a renewal in the life of the families (also done after my meal prayer). I do not say this to be negative, but simply to rally us and encourage us to take our prayer efforts seriously! Remember, Jesus has already won the victory!

Fr. Trummer

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to join the parish or if you are not Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office or visit our website.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 2

6:30am | Mr. & Mrs. Sonny & Terri Lanahan

TUESDAY, MAY 3

6:30am | Frank Penney

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

THURSDAY, MAY 5

2:00pm | Larry DeSutter

FRIDAY, MAY 6

6:30am | Marie & Otto Klemm Sr.

6:00pm | Living Members of the Schoen Family

SATURDAY, MAY 7

4:30pm | Emily Kirkman

SUNDAY, MAY 8

7:30am | Nancy Shultz

9:30am | Emmitt Gaffron

11:30am | Parishoners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Thomas Parish



FIRST READING

“We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.” (Acts 5:32)

PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

SECOND READING

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.” (Rev 5:12)

Gospel

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Roger Hess	Gloria Leonard	
Carol Hess	Joyce Nalefski	
Christina Mooney	Michael Brown	
Jack Frankovich	Sharon Nolte	
Mary Benson	Janet Schollmeier	Gloria Guy
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Mary Blazier	Kathy Sheary	Nick Bryan
Linda Randles	Jean Casselman	
Fr. Tony Wach, SJ	Molly Ellis	
Alison Stevens	Mary Paxton	

Call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless called to be kept on.

STEWARDSHIP

April 24, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 12,451
Loose Cash	\$ 836
Children Donations	\$ 0

Total Collected	\$ 13,287
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Year-to-date Goal	\$ 877,000
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 798,352
Difference	\$ -78,648

Diocesan Collections	\$ 155
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We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you!

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"He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead"

Our Lord has ascended to the Father, and we believe that he remains there, close to his Father and close to the hearts

of those who love him. In the end, every Christian looks forward also to the second coming of Jesus.

He came once in humility, mostly unseen and unknown. He will come again in glory, and all people will see him. He will come to judge the world. While this teaching has been a part of Christian doctrine from the beginning, the idea of a coming judgment still strikes fear in the hearts of many, even believing Christians.

The twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew provides us with a very colorful portrayal of the judgment of the world. In the final parable, all of humanity is divided like sheep and goats, to the right of the Father and to the left. They are judged by the extent of their love towards the small and weak of the world. Jesus repeats over and over again that our good actions towards these people are good actions toward him, and our evil actions toward these people are evil actions toward them. This is a loud call to all Christians to examine how we love those around us, particularly the weak and the poor.

If there is anything I am extremely thankful for about the prospect of my death, it is the fact that Jesus will be my judge in the end. He is perfect in every way, peaceful, merciful, loving, just, and true. He is the true judge of men, and his judgments are always right. He knows all things, all thoughts, all desires, and all actions. Everything I have ever done will be known, fully and completely, by this just judge. For the believer, who has persevered in doing good throughout this life, fear has no place here. Let us entrust ourselves to God's never-failing mercy, and grow in grace and in good works.

Join us for a photographic exhibition of some of the ancient and modern day Eucharist Miracles, recognized by our Church, that have occurred around the world.

To read more about the Eucharistic Miracles, or to learn more about hosting an exhibit (in your parish), visit:

<https://www.dio.org/catholicism/vatican-eucharistic-miracles-of-the-world.html>



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While the exhibit is open to all at no charge, donations will be accepted in order to maintain the collection. Thank you.

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Your donations to our parish are still needed!



This Easter Season, Fr. Trummer is hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar, which focuses on deepening our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The seminar will talk about the essential truths of God's love, discipleship, and charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you want your faith reignited, and to experience the more God has to offer, then come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar. It will take place in the Enrichment Center at Our Lady

of Lourdes from 7-8pm. There will be optional time for continued socializing and discussion after 8pm. The seminar will be hosted on the following **Thursdays: 5/5, (no meeting on 5/12), 5/19, 5/26, and 6/2**. The last session for praying for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place on Friday 6/3 at 7pm. Any questions can be emailed to Fr. Trummer– mtrummer@dio.org

Resurrection Narratives
Tuesday May 10, May 17, and May 24
 7 pm - OLOL Enrichment Center



Looking for a way to dive a little deeper into the joy of the Resurrection? Come and join Fr. Friedel for a three-part presentation and discussion on some of the Resurrection stories we hear in the Gospels. Discover in a deeper way how the Resurrection changed the course of history and how we as Christians are called to be marked by these beautiful Paschal realities!

All are welcome--as always, bring your Bible and a friend (or three!).

OLOL Book Club - A new book club is being formed. We will start with the book "Imitation of Mary" by Kempis. Please bring it to our first meeting. In the future, we may do a fiction book. Please bring a list of any Catholic books you really enjoy.

Our first meeting will be **May 5th, 2022, at 1:00pm** at Laura Birschbach's house at 1281 Woodridge Ct, Decatur, IL 62526.

Any questions, call Laura at 217-521-7948.

Our first meeting will last for one hour (we'll try). First meeting will just be a get acquainted meeting with refreshments.



PARISH CONTACT UPDATE

If you would like to receive parish emails communicating meetings/classes/events/general information please email your name and email address to: communications@lolchurch.com

PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

Preplanning your funeral assures you and reassures family members that arrangements will be made according to your wishes. Our guide book is available to assist you through the scripture and hymn selections, offering excellent suggestions to make your funeral liturgy personalized. Email Jami Snow at jami@lolchurch.com for more information.

Preplanning really can make a difficult situation easier for surviving family members by having your choices in place and eliminating time-pressed or uncertain decisions.

ROSARY

Please join us before Mass to pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 4:00pm
 Sunday | 7:00am & 9:00am

we are
called to
transform
& change



May 1st, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change.

Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of **DEBRA OLEKSY**, mother of Amy Dent and **TONI SKELLEY**, sister of Martha McNamara.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

Melissa Lucio, who was scheduled to be executed Wed., April 27, 2022 in Texas, was granted a stay of execution by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. This allows her case to be sent back to the trial court to review new evidence. Advocates throughout the United States and the world led by organizations as the "Death Penalty Action Group", the "Equal Justice USA" and the "Innocence Project" had been asking people to contact the Texas Governor and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to grant her clemency. If you recall, I have shared in the past that Melissa was convicted of murder in 2008 for the death of her 2 yr. old daughter, Mariah, which she had her family claim was instead a tragic accident. The child had fallen down a staircase outside the family's second-floor apartment two days prior to her death.

Melissa will remain on death row despite the stay of her execution according to her legal team. The trial court in Brownsville, TX will hold proceedings to hear the evidence of Melissa Lucio's innocence. The court will then make a recommendation to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which will decide whether Lucio should receive a new trial. There's still a long way to go in her case and for her to receive an exoneration according to the Innocence Project attorneys. However, a bipartisan majority of the Texas legislature as well as several big name celebrities has called for mercy. Five members of Melissa's jury have come forward recently to say she should get a new trial based on evidence they did not hear at her trial. Let's thank God for all who worked to get this stay of execution for her and continue to pray that she will soon be free. She stated: "I thank God for my life. I have always trusted in Him."

Submitted by Sr. JoAn, Co-chair of OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice committee



The EPIC Youth Group will be having upcoming meetings for Junior High and High School students from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Holy Family in the Parish Center.

Junior High

May 22nd

High School

May 1st at
St. Teresa for
Adoration
7-8:00pm



Saturday, May 7th 4:30pm

Sacristan - Bob & Judy Galka
Lector - Mary Handley
Eucharistic Minister - Mary Handley, Ken Handley, John Dent
Gift Bearer Family - Weaver Family
Servers - Emery Krieger, Don Weaver
Greeter - Mike Jordan, Gloria Walcher
Usher - John Smith, Cathy Smith, Barney Luckenbill

Sunday, May 8th 7:30am

Lector - Karen Becker
Eucharistic Minister - Sandi Southern, Wendy Jalley
Gift Bearer Family - Southern Family
Greeter - Wendy Jalley, Anh Jalley
Usher - Bill Busbey, Jack McCoy, Steve Halicki

Sunday, May 8th 9:30am

Sacristan - Cecilia Kehoe
Lector - Jennifer Dominick
Eucharistic Minister - Julie Baldwin, Vincent Dominick, Farnk Ferracane
Gift Bearer Family - Schollmeier Family
Servers - Lucy Smith, Joe Kerns
Greeter - Steve Collins, Tracy Collins
Usher - John Alley, Mike Gagnon, Matt Walters

Please frequently check the app for any openings or to fill substitution's needs.

If you are unable to serve this upcoming weekend, please utilize the substitute button within Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the parish office at 217-877-4404.



Dealing with Loss

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one often find healing and support through sharing with others with similar experiences. Ss. James & Patrick parish is hosting a grief session on **Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 pm** in the parish house at St. James. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Donna at 217-422-4534

Catholic & Company



Want to hear relevant topics for your life? Tune into the new local show on WDCR Decatur Catholic Radio "Catholic & Company"! Hosts are Father Chris Comerford & Dave Slade; and the Ladies' Edition with Sharon Schilawski & Katherine Smith.

Program airs every Thursday at 8:00 AM; encore at 5 PM and 10 PM. How do you listen?: On 88.9 or 96.5 FM; or wdcrradio.com (Podcast are there too so you may listen whenever you like).



Save the date! August 14th will be our Parish Picnic! Keep an eye out in the future for more information about how you can help make this year a success!

MONDAY | MAY 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY | MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY | MAY 4

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | MAY 5

National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo

Adoration - 9:00am
Confession - 12:00pm
Book Club - 1:00pm
May Crowning Mass - 2:00pm
Life in the Spirit - 7:00pm

FRIDAY | MAY 6

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY | MAY 7

Confession - 11:00am

SUNDAY | MAY 8

4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

No Events Scheduled



The Upper Cenacle Prayer Group Tuesdays at 6:45pm

The Cenacle prayer group is a charismatic prayer group that tries to create the atmosphere of discipleship that was present in the Early Church.

The prayer group will meet from **6:45-7:45pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month in the church.

Our next session will be held on **Tuesday, May 10th.**

For any questions, please reach out to Fr. Trummer at mtrummer@dio.org (preferred) or call the parish office (217-877-4404).

An Invitation to Fr. Richard Chiola's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination



You are invited to participate in Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 245 N. Amos, Springfield, on **Sunday May 22, 2022**. A light lunch will follow in the parish center. Father retired from parish assignment in July 2015, and he has since been assisting as needed in parishes, while continuing to offer spiritual direction, workshops, and retreats in various locations. Fr. Chiola may be contacted at rchiola@dio.org and receives postal mail at 2926 Victoria Dr., Springfield, 62704.

Saturday, May 28th, there will be **no** Confessions.

Zach Sample's priestly ordination will be that morning in Springfield, and all of the priests will be in attendance.



The Church Women United Decatur Chapter will meet on **Friday, May 6 at 1:00 PM** at the Greater Mt. Olive M. B. Church, 1720 W. Hunt St. The "Human Rights Celebration" theme will be "Unite to Serve." Church Women United is an International Organization that has the goal of Christian Women coming together periodically to pray for special intentions, to study other cultures, to reach out to the poor, and to experience fellowship. The Decatur Chapter belongs to the Illinois Chapter which organizes State Assemblies every year. Women of all ages are invited to attend the meetings. Several OLOL women have attended the Decatur meetings and events. For more information contact: Sister JoAn at 217-855-3911.



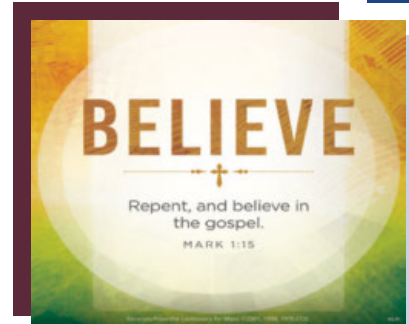


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Inspiration of the Week

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"

Interested parties should send a cover letter and resume with the application to Fr. Michael Friedel at mfriedel@dio.org.

Scan the QR Code, go to our website, or call us at 217-877-4404 for more information regarding this position.

We are looking for a weekly housekeeper for the rectory!



An eligible candidate would be available for about 4 hours a week to clean, vacuum, mop and dust the living areas.

Please contact the parish office at 217-877-4404 for more information.

Saints James and Patrick Parish is looking to hire a Parish Life Administrator, who is a practicing Catholic, in good standing, with a bachelor's degree in theology or a related field with equivalent experience.



The Parish Life Administrator functions as an integral member of the parish staff, sharing in the responsibility of the decision-making, planning and implementation of parish ministries and operations. The person in this position has knowledge of Liturgy, works at the direction of the Pastor in responding to spiritual, pastoral, educational, and administrative needs of the parish.

To learn more and apply, scan the QR code or click the link on the homepage of their website: ssjparish.com

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Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Dioceses of Springfield in Illinois Allison Smith asmith@dio.org or 217-698-8500.

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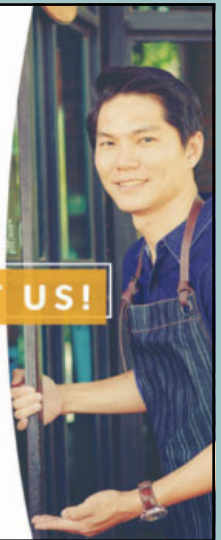


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