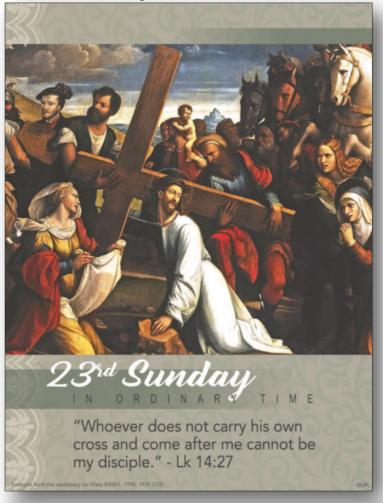
## St. Joseph Catholic Church



#### **Pastor**

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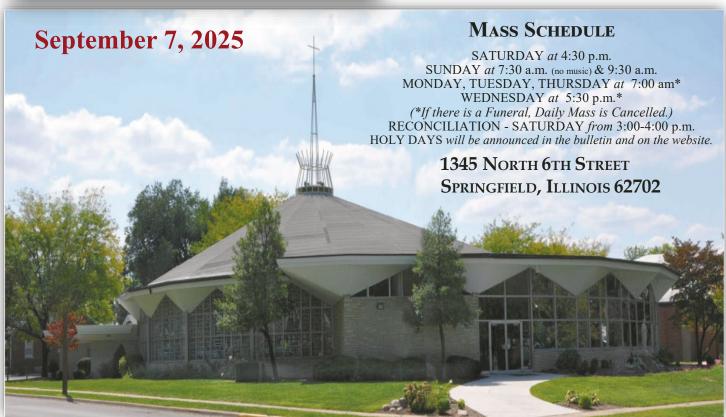
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#### Parish Office

Website: https://www.StjSpringfield.org Email: parish@stjoseph.dio.org Telephone: (217) 544-7426

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - Noon



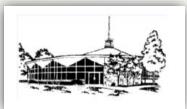
#### **Vision Statement**

St. Joseph Parish is a diverse, welcoming, Catholic Community committed to discipleship and stewardship.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Joseph Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed, to build a Christian community of faith within and beyond the parish, to serve the people of God both near and far, and to celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

Office Hours
Mon—Thurs
9am to 4 pm
Fri
9 am to 12 pm



# Councils/Committees which help Fr. Manny & Us to Live out our Mission...

#### **Pastoral Council**

The St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council is called by the parish to serve as consultant to the Pastor in assuring that all aspects of parish life reflect the mission and ministry of Jesus in accordance with norms determined by the diocesan bishop.

Pastoral Council Members New Year Begins...

Thank You Jane Schmidt for 6 Years of Service!
New Chairperson: Tim Dudas
Vice Chairperson, Michael Dura
Secretary, Diane Mounce
Laura O'Neill, John Szerletich

**Finance Council** ~ The Parish Finance Council is an advisory body to assist the Pastor in the administration and management of the temporal goods of the parish.

#### **Finance Council Members**

Chairman Tom Hyde, Rita Havrilka, Tom Niedzielski, David Cooper, Tom Cooper

#### **Standing Committees**

Community Builders ~ Faith Formation/Evangelization Health and Wellness ~ Liturgy ~ Social Concerns Stewardship ~ Vocation Life Vacant Position - Choir Director (Conducting)...Interested ??

#### P.E.P. (People Enjoying People) Club Chair: Gary Schmidt

The PEP Club is a social group for "seniors" that meets monthly for lunch and fellowship. 4th Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted in the bulletin.

#### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism of Children under eight years old:** Contact the parish office to attend a pre-baptismal class. Baptisms are usually celebrated during the weekend Masses, except for Advent and Lent.

Catholic Faith Formation Program Provides religious instruction for St. Joseph Parishioners who do not attend Catholic schools for grades K-8. Classes meet Monday evenings from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm September - May.

Rite or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA/OCIA Contact Sr. Mary Ellen Backes, O.S.U., for information on Inquiry Sessions and RCIA process.

**Reconciliation:** Each Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm, or please call the parish office to arrange an appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made six months in advance. Call the Parish Office for arrangements.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office for Fr. Manny and keep us updated on your loved ones.

**Communion for the Homebound:** Notify the parish office to arrange for Communion to the sick and elderly.

New Parishioners ~ St. Joseph welcomes all visitors to our Church. If you would like to register, please request a Parish Registration Form from the Parish Office, see the book rack, or it is also on our website.

#### **Assisted Listening System**

Personal listening instruments are available to complement our audio system. These are located in the Vesting Sacristy, see the Mass Coordinator for help.

9:00 am on Tuesdays. The bulletin is published by
LPi weekly on our parish website:
<a href="http://STJspringfield.org">http://STJspringfield.org</a>.

# Notice to Family & Friends of Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

You are our way of knowing! Please keep Father Manny via the parish staff informed regarding loved ones who are hospitalized. And those who are homebound, we are eager to assist by making a phone call or pay a visit.

Prayer Requests~ St. Joseph Prayer Chain is composed of members of the parish who pray for the needs of fellow parishioners and their families and friends. Please call or email Linda at 217-481-4320, Linda.Medlock@comcast.net or the Parish Office.

For Confidential Reporting of Financial or Adult Sexual Misconduct call toll-free: (866)-346-2003 or email reportmisconduct@gmail.com.

#### **Worship Schedule & Mass Intentions** Saturday, Sept 6th to Sunday, Sept 14th:

† Indicates Mass for the Deceased \*Masses For the Parish are available for loved ones\* To schedule a Mass please call the parish office.

Sat, Sept 6	4:30 pm	†Jack S. Dolan
Sun, Sept 7	7:30 am	For the Parish
	9:30 am	†Courtney Ranae Phillips
*Welcome CWV #1916		* †Catholic War Veterans
Mon, Sept 8	7:00 am	For the Parish
Tues, Sept 9	7:00 am	For the Parish
Weds, Sept 10	5:30 pm	For the Parish
Thurs, Sept 11	7:00 am	For the Parish
Fri, Sept 12	— <del>-</del>	_ <del>-</del>
Sat, Sept 13	4:30 pm	†Hubert Iocca
*Sun, Sept 14	7:30 am	For the Parish
*Hospitality	9:30 am	†J. Mike Geist
Sunday		~~~

#### This Week in Our Parish

#### Thursday, September 11th:

11:00 am Soup & Scripture

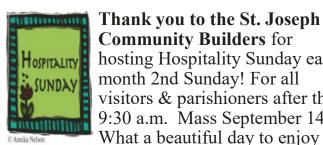
Holy Hour of Adoration 5:15 pm

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

CWV Post #1916 Meeting 7:00 pm

### Sept 14 Save The Date Hospitality Sunday

[See Our Website for Calendar of Events]



### **Community Builders** for HOSPITALITY hosting Hospitality Sunday each

month 2nd Sunday! For all visitors & parishioners after the 9:30 a.m. Mass September 14th! What a beautiful day to enjoy coffee, donuts and fellowship!

#### Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38 Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42 Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49 Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

### An Excerpt on Pastor's Desk....!

"Whoever does not follow me, carrying his own cross, cannot be my disciples."

The author of the Book of Wisdom writes that through Wisdom we are directed to the right path, learn what pleases God, and most especially we are saved. In the second reading, Saint Paul would not keep Onesimus at his side; and because of friendship, he gave him back. In the gospel, the Lord Jesus identified the cost of following him.

God sent Jesus to enact his saving plan, to establish his reign of love and mercy, and to restore humanity and the rest of all creation back to him so that people may enjoy an "abundant" life and all creation reach its fulfillment. This is God's generosity and goodness to all and in action. But to receive the full benefit of God's generosity and goodness, there is a condition that must be satisfied, that is "following of Jesus." And in following the Lord, it does not come without cost.

Sisters and brothers, then to follow Jesus entails giving up of that which is most important to us and the willingness to place oneself in uncomfortable situation. It is a free decision we take because God has opened our eyes to his love. Just like Wisdom which gives right direction. Theus, following the Lord Jesus leads us to the heart of God.

As community of faith, let us pray and ask our Gracious Father, to help us follow the example and teaching of his Only Begotten Son - Jesus Christ so that

we can direct our lives to what is genuinely good and valuable. Amen.

Pax Christi! Fr. Manny



#### 3rd Week of September is the Priests Convocation.

There will be no daily mass the week of Sept 15th. Thursday's Holy Hour Adoration WILL take place.

Early Bulletin Deadlines: LPi who prints our bulletin will be having printer maintenance, as follows: September 14 Bulletin: Articles Due 9am Mon Sept 8 September 21 Bulletin: Articles Due Thurs Sept 11

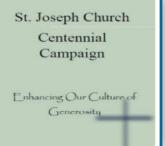


#### **KC Corner**

The Knights of Columbus Parish Pancake Breakfasts will return Sunday September 21st.

#### 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cafeteria at the Parish Center

These breakfasts are a wonderful opportunity for members of the St Joseph's community to enjoy good food and fellowship. Please join us. God's Blessings to us all



St. Joseph Celebrates 150 Years

What's Next ...

This weekend at each mass September 6th and 7th we will listen to a

brief overview of this Centennial Campaign. In short this is a diocesan-wide 3 year effort in which all parishes have or will participate, in order to advance our parish mission and long term vitality and viability. Why Centennial?

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois was established in 1853 and in 1923 the Diocesan See was moved from Alton to Springfield. 2023 was the Year of the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Congress

at the BOS Center on October 28, 2023. Here is the image and so the Centennial Campaigns begin. Thank you for your attention to this effort. For immediate questions please



contact Campaign Chairperson Dr. Joe Rolens, call or by text preferred at 217-414-6621 or at: rolensdpm@att.net

Brochures for the campaign are at each entrance to the church, please take & share!



Senior Services of Central Illinois (SSCI) Thanks us for our faithful service of

delivering Daily Bread meals to residents of the Capital Plaza Apts. at 11th and Washington. We will continue delivering always on M/W/F's. If you would like to help or be a sub as needed on one or more days, please call Lois (217-523-2908) to join our parish ministry. Thank you!



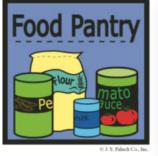
BABY BOTTLE
BOOMERANG IS HERE
At the end of Mass today,
as you exit the church, we
will have envelopes
available at each door
from First Step Women's
Center. We encourage
each family to take one.

We are asking that you take the envelope home; fill it with check or currency and ask your family, friends, or co-workers to do the same. Return it to the church and place it in the collection basket no later than Sunday, September 28th.

The Baby Bottle campaign supports the lifesaving work that First Step offers to mothers making unplanned pregnancy decisions. The money raised funds the daily operations and provides client services such as pregnancy testing and ultrasounds at no cost to their clients.

For further details about First Step Women's Center and this campaign, visit Life217.org. Thank you for helping to make a direct impact on the number of lives saved from abortion.

~ Social Concerns Committee











Last May, at the end of our 2024-25 CFF Season, we closed with fun time games in the gym. This season we open on September 8th at 6:30 with a picnic style party and a fun time in the gym.

The new Diocesan policy on reordering the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist challenges us to remember that faith is organic. Faith needs nourishment and ongoing discovery and growth and practice. The kids are supported in CFF and in family life in the habit of attending Sunday Mass and gradually being transformed by God's Word and Eucharist. Initiation Sacraments are beginning not end times. This is our Catholic life. Please come to CFF.

Although it is not always an easy task to get the kids to CFF on the assigned Monday evenings for one hour, the benefits in the long run will pay off. We appreciate your efforts and often your sacrifice in bringing your precious family members to CFF.

On September 8th we'll recognize and collect application forms and briefly go over our 2025-26 Bulletin. Something new happens this season! We are in our 150th year as a parish community and begin a special capital campaign in which there's a special place for CFF kids which will be celebrated and enjoyed this season. Plans are being made.

Looking forward to seeing you at the parish center on September 8 at 6:30 pm. No need to bring a dish. The only dish you need is vourselves.

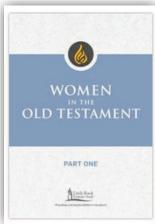
Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Mary Ellen Backes, OSU



Little Rock **Scripture Study** Not too late to join in! 1st Meeting Thursday September 11th 11am to 1:00 pm

The Bible is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. It is the **Spirit-inspired** word of God for us. Take some time out of your busy life to gather with a study group to discover stories of WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.



You will find this a rewarding experience. Faith grows and remains alive in a contemporary setting.

Brochures in the magazine booth by the sacristy are available, and a sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area.

Sr. Mary Ellen



#### Offering a Mass Card For the Deceased

As Catholics, we believe souls who die in a state of sin go through a purification process before entering heaven. We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones to aid them in their journeys to heaven. We pray with hope that the graces imparted by the Mass usher them further towards eternity with God.

It is especially important to pray for the dead, as they can no longer pray for themselves. Pope Francis said that offering the celebration of the Eucharist for the dead "is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones."

The graces acquired by having a Mass said for a special intention are beyond earthly comprehension. The Mass is the greatest prayer and therefore the most powerful means to help others and ourselves gain eternity with him.

By: Divine Word Missionaries on September 22, 2023 https://www.svdmissions.org/allsouls

> Request a Mass by contacting the Parish Office at 217-303-5805.

On the Mass Schedule, days that are offered For the People or For the Parish are available to schedule a Mass for a loved one.

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Thank you for your generous parish support.



#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING LAST WEEK

Budgeted Expenses for the Week \$8,500.00

Week 9 of FY25-268/31/2025Fiscal YTDSunday Collection:\$ 5,546.14\$ 49,114.095th Week:\$ 250.00\$ 1,672.00Aug Online Giving:\$ 4,101.44\$ 8,260.24Total:\$ 59,046.33

If applicable to your situation, why not consider a tax advantage IRA distribution to your parish!

Talk to your tax advisor to see if this as an option in your financial planning for the 2025 Tax Year.



#### National Day of Remembrance For Aborted Children



#### Saturday, September 13th, 2025 10 am – 11 am

Join us in Springfield for this annual inter-faith memorial service honoring the precious unborn children whose lives have been taken by abortion.

We will gather at the TWO HEARTS PRC building at 519 North Bruns Lane. During the memorial service we will proceed to the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood abortion facility next door where roses will be placed at white crosses in memory of the aborted children.

After the service we hope you will join us at the TWO HEARTS PRC office for refreshments and fellowship.

For more information or if you would like to help set up crosses before the event, please call the TWO HEARTS PRC offices at 217-523-2700.

Sponsored locally by TWO HEARTS PRC Civic Committee (formerly Springfield Right To Life)

Sponsored nationally by Pro-Life Action League, Priests for Life and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society



### Brick Walkway Memorial Garden

Time added to our deadline, if you are interested in a memorial brick. Please notify the parish office by this Wednesday Sept 10th. Order forms are available in the brochure rack or stop by the parish office. We hope to

have the project finished and installed by the end of Sept.

4"x8" - 3 lines \$100.00 8"x 8" - 6 lines \$250.00

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries This week in Our Parish (Sat to next Sun) Saturday Sept 6th to Sunday, Sept 14th..



Happy Anniversary on Sept..

- 7 Ernest & Mary Lynn Spain
- 7 Linda & Raj Mishra
- 7 William & Maria Langheim
- 13 Megan & Nathan Stotts

#### Happy Birthday! On September ...

7 - Ericha Brown

8 - Lois Jirgal

8 - Nicole Besse

8 - Randy Black

9 - Peter Romano

9 - Lily Fletcher

9 - Jacqueline Hansen

...continued....

7 - Kaylee Freeman

8 - Kathleen Bryant

6 - Nicholas Kennedy

7 - Kimberly Meneghetti



10 - Joan Gaffney

Happy Birthday!

On September..

- 10 Lisa Mueller
- 11 Connor Goett
- 11 Kayla O'Brien
- 11 Daniel Ray
- 11 Kerry Wycoff
- 11 Danielle Keldermans
- 12 Cathleen Ray
- 12 Darryl Rauscher
- 13 Collin Cisco
- 13 Eugene Szperra
- 13 Charles Adams
- 13 Eileen Adams
- 14 Dirk Bailev
- 14 Victor Bacon



### Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 pm - 6:15 p.m. Every Thursday

#### Music Ministry Music for 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Masses, September 07, 2025

Gathering: 'Take Up Your Cross' by Jamie Cortez #702; 'Glory To God' by Curtis Stephan (Mass of Christ the Savior), #897; Psalm 90: 'In every age, O Lord' by Ivan Diaz; Gospel Acclamation: 'Alleluia' by Jesse Manibusan/Tony Gomez; Presentation: 'Stand By Me' by Tom Kendzia, #400; Mass Parts: 'Mass of Renewal' by Curtis Stephan, #861, 862, 865, 866; Communion: 'The Table Of the Lord' by Dana Catherine', #491; Sending Forth: 'Though the Mountains May Fall' by Dan Schutte #575.

### Music for 24th Sunday Ordinary Time Masses, September 14, 2025

Gathering: 'Take Up Your Cross' by Jamie Cortez #702; 'Glory To God' by Curtis Stephan (Mass of Christ the Savior), #897; Psalm 78: 'Do not forget the works of the Lord' by Paul Hillebrand/Tom Booth; Gospel Acclamation: 'Alleluia' by Jesse Manibusan/Tony Gomez; Presentation: 'Lord of the Dance'; Mass Parts: 'Mass of Renewal' by Curtis Stephan, #861, 862, 865, 866; Communion: 'Only This I Want' by Dan Schutte, #484; Sending Forth: 'Hallelujah, Is Our Song' by Sarah Hart #175.

#### OTHER PARISHES, EVENTS ELSEWHERE AND INFORMATION HERE



ALL WOMEN ... COME TO THE
SPRINGFIELD in IL DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN (SDCCW)
2025 Convention
Wed., Oct. 1
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Registration &

Refreshements 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Convention 11:00 AM Mass

Bishop Thomas Paprocki, Main Celebrant

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### "LET YOURSELF BE LOVED" St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

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Claire Dwyer desires that all women know how deeply they are loved by God. She is a wife and mom of six and grandmother of two, living and working remotely for the Avila Foundation as Content Editor of Spiritual Direction.com from her home in Arizona. She is a speaker, retreat leader, and author of This Present Paradise:

A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.



SDCCW email: <u>sdccwinil@gmail.com</u>
FB Page: Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

FB Page: Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Please receive the registration form from your church --- due Sept. 14. President of the SDCCW: Janet Zimmerman: 217-494-4743

Carryout / Inside & Outside Dining
Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday Sept 07. 2025

Adults \$15 Children \$10 (10 and under)



Ilam-2 pm

Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw or apple sauce, iced tea/coffee and choice of homemade pie or cake.

Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

1st prize—50% of 50% 2nd prize—20% of 50% 3rd prize—20% of 50% Need not be present to win!!

Resurrection Parish – Hall Corner 5th and Anne Sts—ILLIOPOLIS

Mike Hady, coordinator

Fr. Fredick Chima Mbiere, Pastor



The KC #4175 ladies' auxiliary is having a Barnyard Boogie dance on September 20th from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Adults only, cash bar, light snacks provided, \$5.00 cover charge to help pay for the DJ. Not strictly country music but requests are encouraged, we'd like to encourage folks to come and have some fun dancing and socializing.





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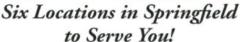
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