

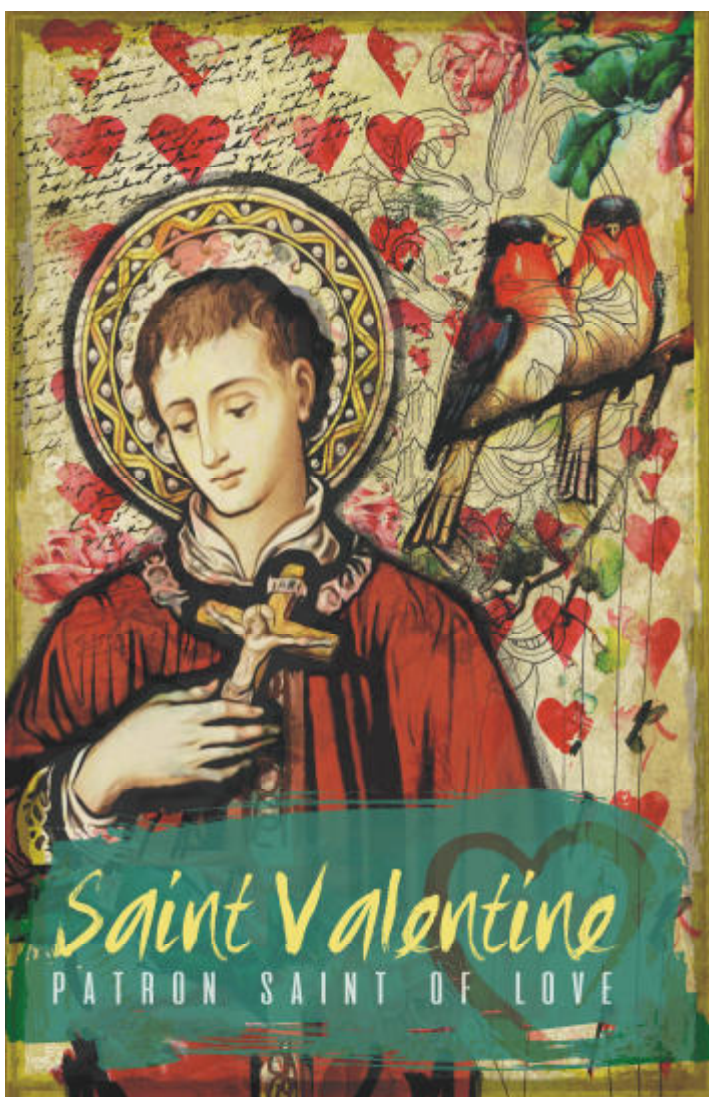
St. Joseph Catholic Church



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Parish Mission Statement

By the grace of God, St. Joseph Parish seeks to empower its parishioners to grow in holiness as we worship God more worthily and become an evermore closely bound community of Catholics. Through the community, we strive to know, love, serve God and one another, and to spread God's Kingdom through prayer, evangelization, and service to the Catholic Church, the civil community, and all of God's children.



A great prophet has arisen in our midst. God has visited his people.

Luke 7:16

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45, 9:45 - 10:15 am
By appointment. Please call the parish office.

Infant Baptism

Please call for an appointment.

Marriage Preparation

Call for an appointment. Please allow at least six months before the planned date.

Catholic Inquiry/RCIA

Questions? Call and come in for a visit!

Adoration Hours: Weekly

Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am until Midnight
Friday 5:00 am until Noon

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 14, 2021

St. Joseph Church • Springfield, MO

Mass Schedule - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	02/13	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	02/14	8:00 am	†Pearl Healey
		10:30 am	†David Bustos
Mon	02/15	8:30 am	Mitch Kruse
Tue	02/16	8:30 am	†Kathleen Wheeler
Wed	02/17	8:30 am	Fred & Leslie Dupy
		Noon	Judith Easley Birthday
		7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Thu	02/18	8:30 am	†Abortions of Children
Fri	02/19	8:30 am	Fr. Bob Landewe
Sat	02/20	4:00 pm	Bill Zondca
Sun	02/21	8:00 am	Stephanie Bauer
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

Readings for next week February 21st

*Genesis (:8-15 (23B)
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15*

Calendar of Events

For the Week of February 14th

Sun	8:00 am	Happy St. Valentine's Day World Day of Marriage Mass (Facebook live-stream)
	10:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon	6:00 pm	GBNA
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Mtg.
Tue	7:00 pm	RCIA in Library
Wed	8:30 am	Mass Ash Wednesday
	Noon	Mass Ash Wednesday
	7:00 pm	Mass Ash Wednesday
Thu	7:00 pm	Buildings & Maintenance Mtg.
Fri	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	8-Noon	Parish Work Day

Our Gifts to God

For the Week of February 7th

Envelopes	\$4,118.00	Missals	\$11.00
Plate	\$509.03	For Poor	\$1,500.00
Build. & Maint.	\$1,536.00	Flowers	\$115.00
Votive	\$25.00	Church in Latin America	
Food Pantry	\$500.00	Online giving	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00		\$798.57
The Mirror	\$292.00		

Prayer Hotline: If you have a special intention requiring prayer or would like to join our growing Prayer Hotline list, please contact Becky Sleeth at 865-1112. Voice or email options are available.



Special Collection: This week, our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.



FLOWERS TO COMMEMORATE

Teresa Herrin gave flowers for this weekend, February 14th, Mass.

In memory of Gerald Herrin.
May he rest in peace.

Small Faith-Sharing Groups: Over 50 parishioners have signed up to spend seven weeks as part of the Small Groups. This Spring, we are examining the New Testament references to the Eucharist. Groups scheduled: Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. are person-to-person in the parish library, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. are Zoom only, and two groups on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm., and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm are hybrids, which means that some participants will be in the library and some on Zoom. If you still want to join a group, please contact the parish office.



Best Choice UPC Labels: Remember to save your Best Choice UPCs for the Ladies' Group. They add up and help us tremendously!

Please Pray For Our Sick...

Miguel Nelson	Thomas Kitchen	Virginia Thompson
Stella Kilmer	Penny Harrison	Sharon Sifferman
Sharon Grant	Becky Baum	Mike Banasik
John & Mary Wagner	Kim Nye	Barbara Moore
Carla Duff	David Zeszutek	Bud Corbin
Brenda Forte	Linda Hasler	Kathleen Hayter
Laurie Richardson	Ed Bailey	Jack Bresee
Fr. Bob Landewe	Samuel Torres	Jeanne Walsh
Carol Hewitt	Scott Hilmes	Mary Frances
Ann Fender	Cheryl Grooms	Kroutil
	Mark Glenn	Theresa Stocker

Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

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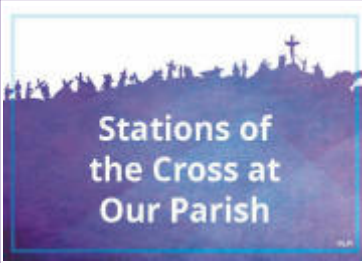
Ministers for February 20 – February 21, 2021
(Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)

Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Brown, G.	Gaynor, P.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Ryan, J.	Gaynor, G.	Young, F.
		Gallagher, T.	Henderson, P.	
8:00			Holman, T.	
	Father	Blanton, C.	Cherry, G.	Lugger, D.
	Deacon	Shaughnessy, P.	Cherry, G.	Travis, J.
		Witt, L.	Ruddell, J.	
10:30			Skalicky, F.	
	Father	M-Roberts, A.	Berry, T.	Pille, Ar.
	Deacon	Wilson, R.	Duff, R.	Pille, Av.
		Orgeron, R.	Fiddymment, I.	
			Long, D.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Joe	Franchesca	
8:00	Gail		Bonnie	
10:30	Theresa		Linda	

What Is Happening at Our Parish School?

Catholic Schools' Week was a huge success! Students "Zoomed" with clergy and religious to celebrate our faith community. There was a day of reading and relaxing for the kids. There was a day to appreciate mom and dad with a "muffin for mom, a donut for dad" and a nice letter from their child telling them to thank you for sending them to a Catholic school. And there was a day to collect winter gear and hygiene items for those in need.

Teachers also received a special treat during the week. It was a fun week for all!



Lenten Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held every Friday during Lent starting at 6:30 pm. Due to COVID-19 will not have any Friday Soup Suppers.

Catholic Men's Conference

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2021

Location: Springfield Catholic High School

Speakers: Bishop Edward Rice, Fr. Joseph Kelly, Fr. Allen Kirchner, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Craig Henley, and featuring Super Bowl Champion Harrison Butker.

Space will be limited, so please register early for free at DioSCG.org/Men or on [Facebook/SOMOMensCon](https://www.facebook.com/SOMOMensCon). Masking, Social Distancing, and Covid-19 precautions will be enforced.



New Zoom Parishioners: You may hear of two new parishioners, Joseph Spring and Becky Spring. These are not real people but names we have used to identify two of our Zoom licenses. At this time, RCIA, Confirmation Preparation, some PSR classes, and most of our parish meetings are being conducted on Zoom. We prefer the traditional person-to-person interactions; however, Zoom provides an opportunity to meet safely. And the good news is that we do not have to worry about cancellations due to inclement weather.



Gaynor Family wishes to express their gratitude for all the words of sympathy given at Preston's mother, Roberta Gaynor's passing.

~Preston and Gail Gaynor

FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections: This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

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friends and peers and try to relate to those who may be outside the bounds of propriety. Let us re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society. Remember the old African-American children's song reminding us that there is room for everyone in God's Kingdom: *"All God's creatures got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher. Some sing out loud on a telephone wire, and some just clap their hands, paws, or anything they've got."*

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. We are invited to affect a real conversion and renewal of life during Lenten Season by fasting, penance, and reconciliation. Penitence during Lent means regret, sorrow, a willingness to repent (to turn around and take a better way—God's way). Penitence encourages us to remember and be painfully sorry for the times when we have put ourselves ahead of God, when we have not shared our faith, or served the oppressed, or spoken up for justice and peace according to our gifts.

On Ash Wednesday 2021, let us confess and mourn our failures to use our gifts as evangelists, healers, teachers, servants of the needy, peacemakers, and champions of justice. Our failures to fulfill the demands of our state in life, whether we are celibate, single, married, priest, religious, parent, or child. Our particular vocation as the scriptures call to trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins of spiritual leprosy are forgiven and cleaned through this Lenten Season to experience the freedom of Easter Joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

So, as we receive the Ashes this Wednesday, let them be a sign of true conversions of heart and our spiritual renewal of life in service of God and our neighbor wherever we meet them.

Have Blessed Lent,
Fr. Karl



Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.
Mass at 8:30 am, Noon, and 7:00 pm.



Special Collection
Ash Wednesday, February 17th





Pastor's
Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

All three readings today contain the Christian teaching on the need for social acceptance even when people are different from us. They also tell us that it is the purity or holiness of the soul coming from God that cleanses our lives. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the Book of Leviticus is known by its first word, *Vayikra* (ויקרא), meaning "and he called." The word *Vayikra* means that God called Moses and His chosen people to holiness and purity. That is why the **first reading** teaches the theme of freedom from bodily and ritual impurity as a sign of internal holiness. This freedom is symbolized by the precautions against contracting leprosy given in the first reading and healing of the leper described in the Gospel. The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and the rules for quarantining lepers.

In **today's epistle**, St. Paul exhorts us to testify to our healing from the leprosy of sin by living changed lives, expressed in our doing "everything for the glory of God" and for the salvation of others. **Today's Gospel** describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected.

1. Trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins are forgiven and that we are clean. We are forgiven and made spiritually clean from the spiritual leprosy of sins when we repent of our sins. Because of this, God is a God of love who waits patiently for us. No matter how many sins we have committed or how badly we have behaved, we know God forgives us. The only condition required of us is that we ask for forgiveness with a repentant heart. We need only kneel before him and ask him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." We are sure to hear his words of absolution in "Very well-- your sins are forgiven, and you are clean," echoed in the sacrament of reconciliation.
2. Tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of a loving relationship. Jesus calls every one of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the untouchables of society. These include homosexuals, people with AIDS, alcoholics, drug addicts and other, marginalized groups, such as the divorced, the unmarried, single mothers, migrant workers, and the mentally ill. God's loving hand must reach out to them through us. Jesus wants us to touch their lives. Let us pass beyond the narrow circles of our

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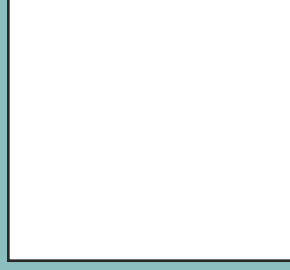
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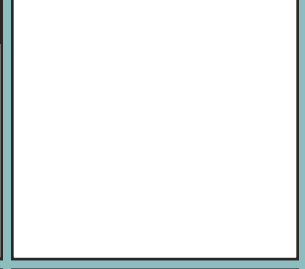
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