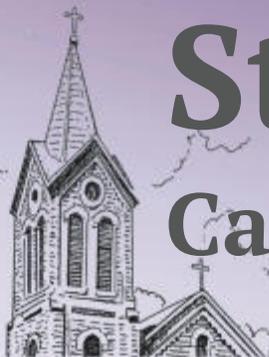


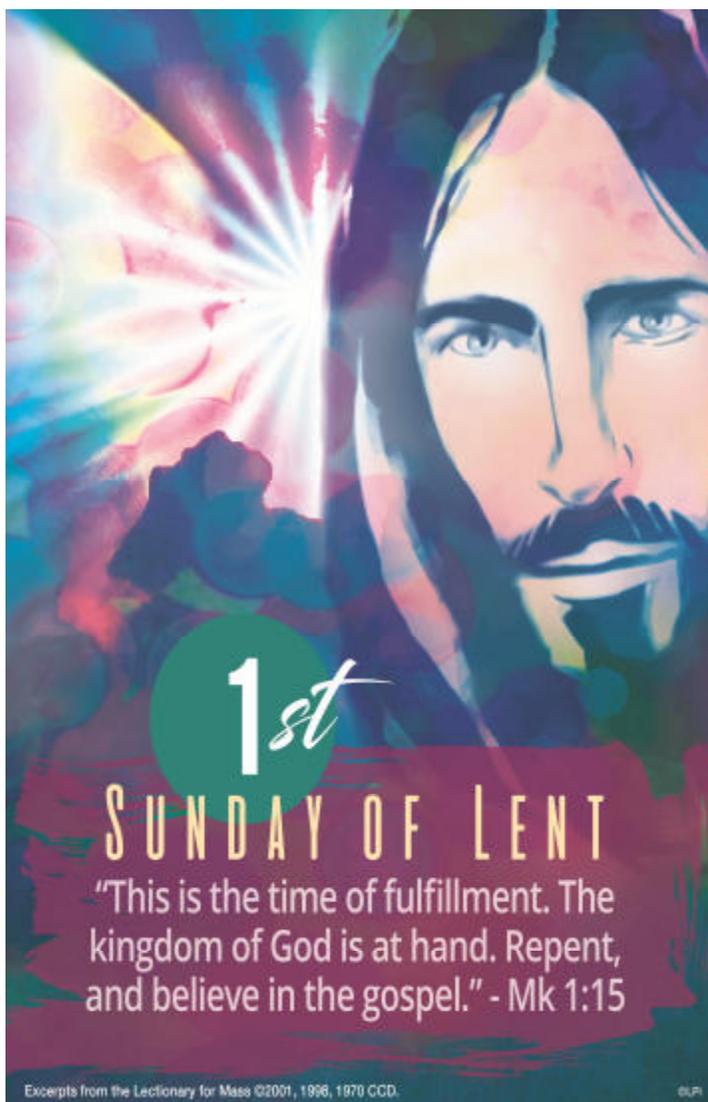
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Parish Mission Statement

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.



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4b

Parish Staff

Rev. Karl W. Barmann OSB, *Pastor*
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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

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Mass Schedule - First Sunday of Lent

Sat	02/20	4:00 pm	Bill Zondca
Sun	02/21	8:00 am	Stephanie Bauer
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Mon	02/22	8:30 am	†Pearl Healey
Tue	02/23	8:30 am	Don Heath
Wed	02/24	8:30 am	†Helen Willis
Thu	02/25	8:30 am	†Paul Anthony Terrell
Fri	02/26	8:30 am	†Ralph Henderson
Sat	02/27	4:00 pm	Lowell "Bud" Corbin
Sun	02/28	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	†Pearl Healey

Readings for next week February 28th

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

Calendar of Events

For the Week of February 21st

Sun	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
	10:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Tue	7:00 pm	RCIA in Library
Fri	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross

Our Gifts to God

For the Week of February 14th

(Due to the weather, this information was not available at the time of publication.)

Please Pray For Our Sick...

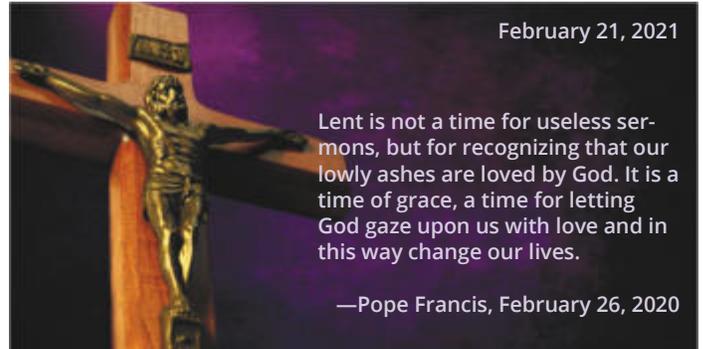
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Stella Kilmer	Penny Harrison	Sharon Sifferman
Sharon Grant	Becky Baum	Mike Banasik
John & Mary Wagner	Kim Nye	Barbara Moore
Carla Duff	David Zeszutek	Bud Corbin
Brenda Forte	Linda Hasler	Kathleen Hayter
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Fr.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

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.



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

On the First Sunday of Lent, begin your journey with self-reflection and allow yourself to experience the mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this season?



February 21, 2021

Lent is not a time for useless sermons, but for recognizing that our lowly ashes are loved by God. It is a time of grace, a time for letting God gaze upon us with love and in this way change our lives.

—Pope Francis, February 26, 2020

Oblates of St. Benedict: Meeting next Sunday, February 28th, at 11:45 am in the Parish Hall. If you are an Oblate or would like to become a Novice, we cordially invite you to our monthly meetings. If you would like more information about the Oblates of St. Benedict, please call Penny Muckle at 417-342-0571 or Fr. Barmann at 417-865-1112 with inquiries.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at either entrance of the Church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Stewardship Reflection

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism... that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

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Ministers for February 27 – February 28, 2021 (Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)				
Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Fellwock, L.	Gallagher, T.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Gaynor, P.	Hale, L.A.	Young, F.
		Ryan, J.	Holman, T.	
			McClanahan, D.	
8:00	Father	Skalicky, F.	Blanton, C.	Fronick, A.
	Deacon	Skalicky, A.	Cetola, C.	Fronick, G.
		Lee, N.	Cherry, N.	
			Witt, L.	
10:30	Father	Hammer, Mo.	Berry, T.	Dwyer, G.
	Deacon	Hammer, Ma.	Duff, R.	Thornton, A.
		Stokes, J.	Hammer, M.	Thornton, C.
			Stokes, B.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Joe	Franchesca	
8:00	Gail		Bonnie	
10:30	Theresa		Jenny	



New Parish Council Members Mike Hammer and Cyndi Berry



Diocesan Youth Conferences: The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is hosting a Youth Conference (for high school-age youth) and Ignite (for junior high youth). Because of Covid, these events have been combined into three smaller events. Springfield's closest is on Saturday, April 10th, from 10 am - 4 pm at the Congregation of Mother of the Redeemer Monastery in Carthage. We will not be organizing a parish-sponsored trip to this event, but individual youth are invited as long as one parent participates. If you would like more information, please contact Don Emge through the parish office.

Thank You ❤️ Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Church's collection in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we helped to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Lenten Stations of the

Cross: Stations of the Cross and Benediction held every Friday during Lent starting at 6:30 pm. Due to COVID-19, Friday Soup Suppers are all canceled.



Holy Trinity's Council of Catholic Women:

Holy Trinity's Council of Catholic Women offers a two-year college scholarship of \$500 per semester to a young woman from Holy Trinity Parish or St. Joseph Parish. Information is available from the parish offices and at Springfield Catholic High School. Financial need is a factor for consideration. Forms are due March 31, 2021, to Holy Trinity Parish, 2818 E. Bennett, Spfd, MO 65804. For more information, contact Betsy Walter at 417-459-7908 or Jana Hukriede at 417-840-4109.

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

The Year of Saint

Joseph: During the month of February, our diocese will focus on St. Joseph, Head of the Holy Family. "The Family is, so to speak, the Domestic Church" ("Lumen Gentium" #11). This means that in the family context, we first learn who God is and seek His will for us prayerfully. Pick up a copy of the "Tools for Building the Domestic Church." This resource offers some suggestions for family prayer and activities that will encourage families in their path to holiness, discipleship, and witness.



Small Faith-Sharing Groups: It is not too late to join a Small Group. This Lent, we are examining the New Testament references to the Eucharist. Scheduled Groups on 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 want to join a group, please contact the parish office.

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friends, work colleagues, and other people we encounter, especially those of our parish. We should examine whether we can give any positive contribution to other people's lives and eradicate the abuses which are part of our society.

2. Convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity: a) By participating in the Mass each day or at least a few days in the week. b) Setting aside some part of my day for personal prayer. c) Reading some Scripture, alone or better still, with others. d) Setting aside some money that I might spend on myself for meals, entertainment, or clothes, and giving it to an organization that takes care of the less fortunate in our society. e) Abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions. f) Receiving the sacrament of reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays. g) Visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in Lent.

3. Use Lent as a time to fight daily against the evil within us and around us: Repenting and fighting against temptations and evil is a lifetime's task. Jesus did not overcome Satan in the wilderness; he achieved that only in his death. Lent reminds us that we must fight each day against the evil within and around us and never give up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us and empowering us so that final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ.

Let us use this time of Lent by our Lenten practices for the true conversion of our lives and encourage one another to do the same by our spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May God bless your spiritual renewal during this Lenten season as we look forward to the celebration of Easter Resurrection in Christ.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl



We extend our hands and our hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the Parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

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Pastor's Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

Lent's primary purpose is spiritual preparation for the celebration of Jesus' death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to "*repentance*." It is a type of conversion – the reordering of our priorities and changing our values, ideals, and ambitions - through fasting, prayer, and mortification. Lenten observances are also intended to lead us to our annual solemn renewal of baptismal vows on Holy Saturday. Through baptism, we are called to live justly, love God with all our being and love our neighbor as ourselves, and to build the kingdom of God by our acts of charity. That is why the three readings chosen as today's scripture refer to baptism directly or indirectly.

The scripture lessons: **The first reading** tells us how man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve and how the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew the covenant. It describes how Noah's family was saved from the deluge waters by God's special providence and how God made His first "friendship covenant" with mankind. Noah's rescue from the flood symbolizes how we are saved through the water of baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ. Today's **responsorial psalm** is an exquisite penitential prayer humbly acknowledging human insufficiency, our radical dependence upon God, His mercy, and forgiveness. The psalmist lists some of the life characteristics resulting from this repentance: truth, compassion, love, kindness, goodness, uprightness, humility, and justice. In **the second reading**, St. Peter reminds his readers that an outward sign of the New Covenant that God made with his people through Jesus is baptism. Baptism removes Original Sin and is also our birth into Christ making us adopted children of God, heirs of heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. Peter shows us how Noah's episode prefigured baptism. The floodwaters destroyed almost all the people except Noah's family. The waters of Baptism, on the other hand, are the cleansing agent that saves all. In **the Gospel**, we are told how Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by His forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately after His baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his messianic mission, "*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.*"

1. Make Lent a time of renewal of life by penance and prayer: Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians accepting the gospel challenges in thought, word, and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family,

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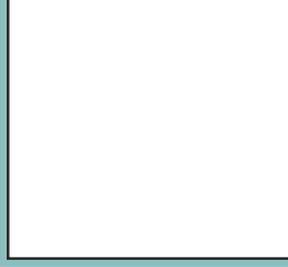
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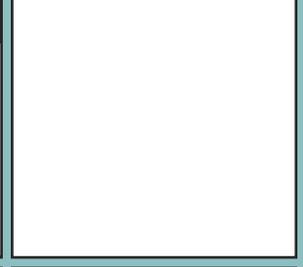
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