

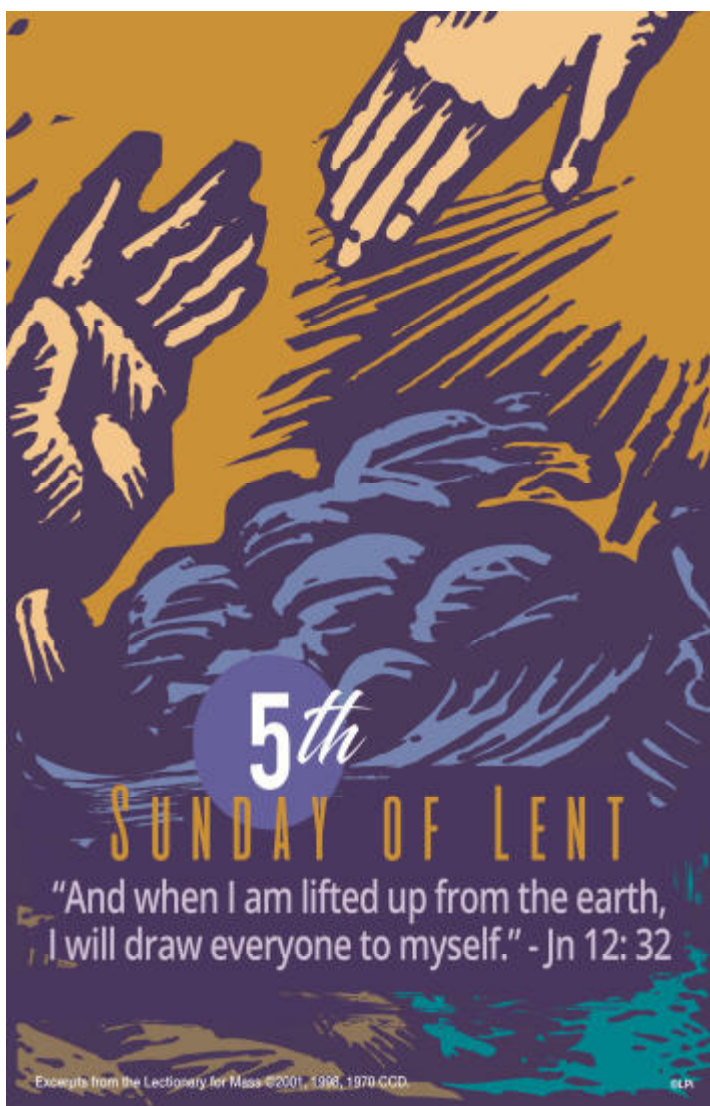
St. Joseph Catholic Church



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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.



*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord:
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*

John 12:26

Parish Staff

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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 21, 2021

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Mass Schedule - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat	03/20	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	03/21	8:00 am	†Nancy Banasik
		10:30 am	†Richard Summers
Mon	03/22	8:30 am	†Pearl Healey
Tue	03/23	8:30 am	†Souls Lost by Abortions
Wed	03/24	8:30 am	†Ralph Henderson
Thu	03/25	8:30 am	Ryan Wilbanks
Fri	03/26	8:30 am	Don Heath
Sat	03/27	4:00 pm	†Christina Shannon
Sun	03/28	8:00 am	†Paul Anthony Terrell
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

Readings for next week March 28th

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Mark 14:1—15:47

Calendar of Events

For the Week of March 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)
Mon	7:00 pm	Communal Penance Service
Tue	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wed	5:00 pm	Early Bulletin for Easter
Thu	All Day	Annunciation of the Lord
Fri	5:30-8 pm	Men's Group Fish Fry
Sat	9 - 2 pm	RCIA Retreat

Our Gifts to God

For the Week of March 14th

Envelopes	\$9,236.00	Poor Fund	\$100.00
Plate	\$569.65	Missals	\$9.00
Build & Maint.	\$1,260.00	The Mirror	\$28.00
Votive	\$41.00	Online	\$406.20
Food Pantry	\$905.00	Catholic Relief	\$864.94

Please Pray For Our Sick...

Penny Harrison	Brenda Forte	Ed Bailey
Miguel Nelson	Laurie Richardson	Cheryl Grooms
Sharon Grant	Ann Fender	Mike Banasik
John Wagner	David Zeszutek	Jack Bresee
Carla Duff	Linda Hasler	Jeanne Walsh

We also remember in prayer those of our parish family who are battling chronic illnesses and those who are homebound and are no longer able to attend Mass due to present health concerns.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, Community in Madagascar: Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities, and entire countries. That is why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve their children's health and well-being. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

LENTEN
 COMMUNAL
 PENANCE
 SERVICE
 MONDAY
 22ND OF
 MARCH
 AT 7:00 PM
 ST. JOSEPH
 PARISH



DON'T BE AFRAID
 TO GO TO THE
 SACRAMENT OF
 CONFESSION,
 WHERE YOU
 WILL MEET
 JESUS WHO
 FORGIVES YOU.
 Pope Francis



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction Fridays during Lent starting at 6:30 pm. April 2nd - St. Joseph Good Friday - **Stations at 1 pm**. Due to Covid, the Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Park Central Square will be postponed till 2022.

Stewardship Reflection

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is he asking of me?

Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 21, 2021

Ministers for March 27 – March 28, 2021 (Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)

Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Gaynor, P.	Gaynor, G.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Ryan, J.	Hale, L.A.	Young, F.
		Oelschlaeger, C.	Henderson, P.	
			Strader, P.	
8:00	Father	Shaughnessy, P.	Cherry, N.	Fronick, A.
	Deacon	Skalicky, F.	Cherry, G.	Fronick, G.
		Nan, L.	Ruddell, J.	
			Witt, L.	
10:30	Father	Hammer, Mo.	Berry, T.	Dwyer, G.
	Deacon	Hammer, Ma.	Hammer, M.	Thornton, B.
		Berry, C.	Long, D.	
			Stokes, B.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Joe	Franchesca	
8:00	Gail		Bonnie	
10:30	Theresa		Kim	

Administrative Assistant Position at The

Catholic Center: Seeking qualified applicants to fill a permanent, full-time Administrative Assistant position working for the Marriage Tribunal Office at The Catholic Center in Springfield. The applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Qualified individuals will have excellent writing and grammar skills, verbal communication skills in person and on the phone, proficiency with Microsoft Office, and the ability to perform day-to-day office tasks. Must be able to work independently in a multi-person office space—position start date of April 19, 2021. To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call (417) 866-0841.

Parish Secretarial Position at Sacred Heart:

Seeking a qualified individual to fill a permanent, full-time position as Parish Secretary. The applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Qualified individuals will have excellent writing and grammar skills, verbal communication skills, proficiency with Microsoft Word, and the ability to perform day-to-day tasks. Must be able to work independently. The ability to speak Spanish is helpful but not mandatory. Please contact the Pastor, Fr. Gaspar Masilamani, CMF, at 417-869-3646 or email at Pastor.shc.sgf@gmail.com.

FORMED - stjosephspmo.formed.org

Confirmation: Bishop Rice will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Joseph's on Saturday, November 6th, at the 4:00 pm Mass. We now have 16 young people preparing themselves for this special occasion. At present, they are participating in special classes on Sunday evenings by way of Zoom. These individuals will declare themselves as "candidates for Confirmation" at the parish Masses this Sunday, March 21st. Please pray for these young people; pray that they may be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as they live out their Christian faith.

St. Joseph Catholic Academy "Online Auction": BEGINS FRIDAY MARCH 26 @ 7PM. ENDS MONDAY MARCH 29 @ PM. 72 HOURS TO BID!

- **PREVIEW ITEMS (Between 3/20-3/26)** - Visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/SJCAuction>
- **SET UP ACCOUNT** - Visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/users/new>. [Complete online form, then check your email. Follow directions in the email.]
- **START BIDDING (3/26 @ 7 pm)** Use the same link you used to preview items. Submit bids on items wanted! If you are outbid, you get an email. [Didn't receive emails? Check Spam!] When the Auction ends..you are notified if you won a bid! On Tues 3/30, you are emailed an invoice with the amount owed & pick-up directions.

Bishop's Walk: Please join Bishop Rice on March 27th via Livestream at 9 am on FB @CCSOMO or @DioceseofSpringfieldCapeGirardeau. Or in lieu of Bishop's Walk, please pray, raise funds, and be aware of the work Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is doing. Thank you for being our partner in ministry!



Oblates of St. Benedict: Meeting this Sunday, March 21st, at 11:45 am in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information about the Oblates of St. Benedict, please call Penny Muckle at 417-342-0571 or Fr. Bar-mann at 417-865-1112 with inquiries.

Steubenville Youth Conference: This year, the Steubenville Youth Conferences will be held here in Springfield on July 9th - 11th and July 16th - 18th. If any high school student (graduating 8th grader through graduating 12th grader) is considering going, please contact Don Emge at 417-496-5522 ASAP. Participants must go as a group, and we need to have the registration in by March 25th. They have made a number of provisions to ensure participants' safety in the Covid era—we can share this information with any interested parent. St. Joseph has a long tradition of sending a group to this event, although the conference last year was canceled.

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prison, and wounds - whatever these may be - and give them all to him. As a parish community, let us stand before the world and accept the challenge to untie those bound and help them come out from their self-made graves. Jesus calls each of us by name to come out of our graves and help others do the same. "Lazarus, come out! Mary, come out! Jim and Joe, Kathy and Lisa, come out!"

2. We need to be ready to welcome death any time. We live in a world that is filled with death. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia, execution, war, and terrorist activities. We kill ourselves through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, bad eating habits, and physical neglect. We watch calmly as others die from poverty, hunger and malnutrition, homelessness, unemployment, poor education, disease, child abuse, arms proliferation, discrimination, pollution, and destruction of the environment. The most important question is: Am I ready to face my death? A strange question and its truthful answer are found in the sacred scriptures of the Hindus. "What is the greatest wonder in the world?" The answer is: "All of us know that we will surely die, but each of us foolishly thinks that he or she will not die any time in the near future." Let us not be foolish; let us be wise and well prepared and ever ready to meet our Lord with a clear conscience when the time comes.

Alexander the Great once found his philosopher friend Diogenes standing in a field looking intently at a large pile of bones. Asked what he was doing, the old man turned to Alexander and replied, "I am searching for the bones of your father Philip, but I cannot distinguish them from the bones of the slaves." Alexander got the point: everyone is equal in death. From the greatest to the least, from the most beautiful to the most ordinary, death is the universal equalizer.

May this Lent bring us to realize the power of Jesus' Resurrection of sin and death in our lives as we grow in conversion from death to sin and alive in the Resurrection of Jesus.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl

The Men's Group

Annual Fish Fry

Eat-in person, or pick up a "to go" box.
Donations will go to *The Food Pantry and Poor Fund.*



FRIDAY
March 26th

MENU: Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans and Ice Tea or Coffee.

5:30 - 8:00 PM

St. Joseph Church
Parish Hall Gym
1115 N. Campbell Ave.
Springfield, MO. 65802

Practicing social distancing and a facemask is required.

Pastor's
Reflection



Dear Parishioners,

Death and resurrection are the themes that permeate today's Scripture lessons. The Psalmist awaits Yahweh's redemption both for himself and for Israel. In the first reading, Ezekiel's vision witnesses the reanimation of the dead Israel in preparation for her return to the Promised Land. The second reading assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death by persecution and us who are surrounded by a culture of death that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead and who dwells within us will give life to our mortal bodies. He considers the resurrection of Jesus a reality, the ground of our faith, and the basis for our hope of sharing in Jesus' resurrection. For John in today's gospel, Lazarus's revival is a sign anticipating the resurrection of Jesus. In the context of Lent and coupled with the gospel story of raising Lazarus from the dead, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. Thus, *resurrection hope* is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings assure us that our faith in Jesus, who is "the resurrection and the life," promises our participation in the resurrection and new life.

1. "Roll away the stone, unbind him and let him go."
There are so many dark areas in our private life. We often bind ourselves with strings of addiction to alcohol, drugs, sexual deviations, slander, gossip, envy, prejudices, hatred, and uncontrollable anger and bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Jesus asks us today to seek his help and that of the community around us to loosen those chains and come out of tombs of our own creation. Is there an area of life where hope is gone? Do we want to lock it up in a tomb and seal it away from Jesus, or are we willing to have Jesus visit this area? Are there times when we refuse to let God enter into our wallets, fearing that faithful tithing will endanger our savings? Are we in the tomb of spiritual death caused by sin? Are we in the tomb of selfishness filled with negative feelings such as worry, fear, resentment, hatred, and guilt? When we go to Confession, Jesus will stand before our tomb. He will call our name and cry out, "Come out!"

If we want Jesus to visit the dark dungeons of sin, despair, and unhappiness, let us ask Jesus during this Holy Mass to bring the light and the power of His Holy Spirit into our private life and liberate us from our tombs. Let us name the parts of ourselves that are wounded or dead, imprisoned or in darkness, and then give them to him to be healed, raised up, and set free. Let us name our darkness,

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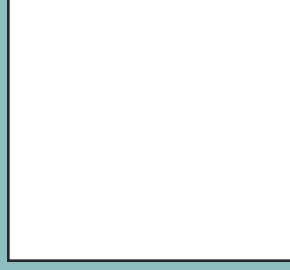
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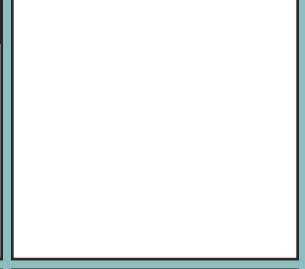
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