

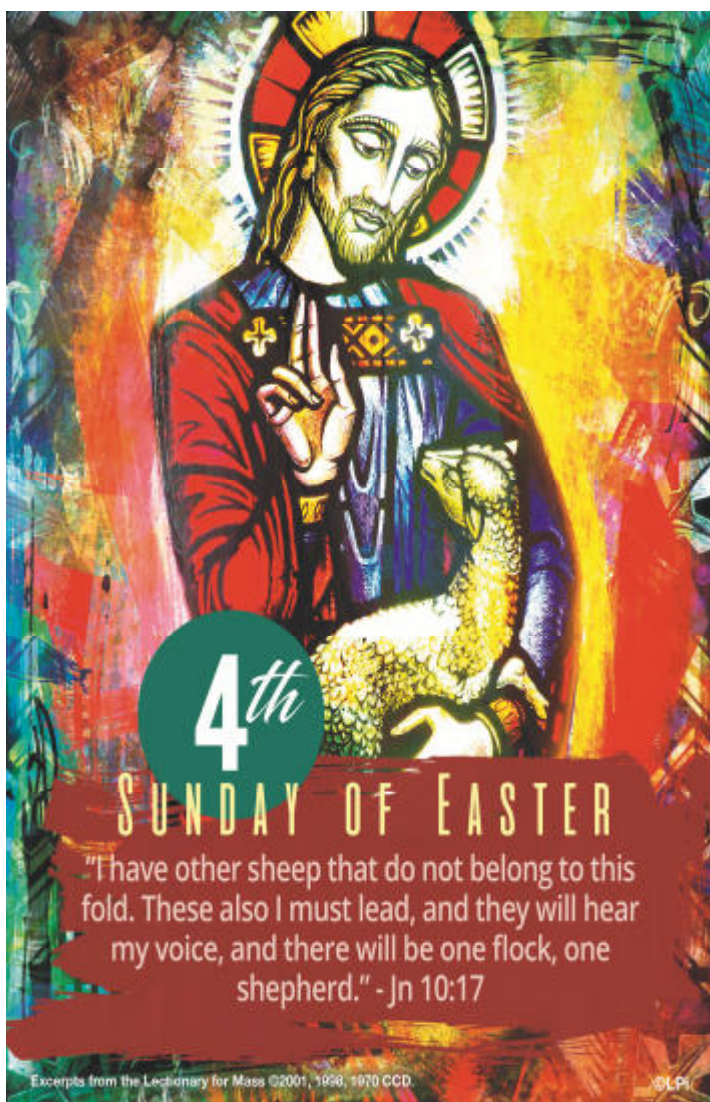
St. Joseph Catholic Church



1115 N. Campbell Avenue • Springfield, Missouri 65802

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.



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

John 10:14

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 25, 2021

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Mass Schedule - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat	04/24	4:00 pm	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
Sun	04/25	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	†Deborah "Debbie" Carter
		1:00 pm	All 1st Communicants
Mon	04/26	8:30 am	Barmann & Fisher Families Living & †Deceased
Tue	04/27	8:30 am	†Kathleen Wheeler
Wed	04/28	8:30 am	Terry & Nancy Schulty 54th Wedding Anniversary
Thu	04/29	8:30 am	†Marvin Dummer
Fri	04/30	8:30 am	†Ralph Henderson
Sat	05/01	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	05/02	8:00 am	†Paul Anthony Terrell
		10:30 am	†Fr. Denis Dougherty

Readings for next week May 1st

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Calendar of Events

For the Week of April 25th

Sun	All Day	World Day of Prayer
	8:00 & 10:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
	9:15 am	Mystagoga
	1:00 pm	1st Communion Mass
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon	9:00 am	TOPS
Tue	9:30-12:30 pm	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Word Among Us Group
	1:00 pm	Quilters
Wed	7:00 pm	PSR

Our Gifts to God for the Week of April 18th

Envelopes	\$3,634.00	Rice Bowls	\$10.21
Plate	\$377.00	The Poor	\$150.00
Building	\$350.00	Flowers	\$70.00
Votive	\$45.00	Holy Land	\$30.00
Food Pantry	\$55.00	CHM	\$75.00
Mass Intentions \$	170.00	Online	\$413.67

Please Pray For Our Sick...

Penny Harrison	Laurie Richardson	
Miguel Nelson	Ann Fender	Mary F. Kroutil
Sharon Grant	David Zeszutek	Mike Banasik
John Wagner	Linda Hasler	Kim Nye
Carla Duff	Ed Bailey	
Brenda Forte	Cheryl Grooms	

OCTAVE OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations--April

25, 2021: 2021 marks the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a continually offered prayer throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.



Special Collection: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

RCIA: The RCIA team for 2020-2021 will meet in the Library on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 pm to look back at the past year, count our blessings, and begin to plan for the coming year.

Stewardship Reflection

To be good stewards, we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 25, 2021

Ministers for May 1 – May 2, 2021
(Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)

Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	McCann, M.	Gallagher, T.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Ryan, J.	Shannon, R.	Young, F.
	Hale, L.A.		Sleeth, M.	
			Strader, P.	
8:00	Father	Mulholland, M.	Cetola, C.	Travis, J.
	Deacon	Phillips, J.	Ruddell, J.	Travis, L.
	Nan, L.		Skalicky, F.	
			Witt, L.	
10:30	Father	Berry, T.	Fiddymont, I.	Spencer, D.
	Deacon	Berry, C.	Hammer, Mo.	Spencer, N.
	Dobbs, M.A.		Hammer, M.	
			Long, D.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitars</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Guitars		
8:00	Gail		Gail	
10:30	Theresa		Jenny	

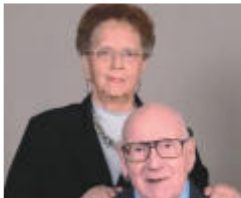


First Communion: This Sunday, April 25th, eleven youth will make their First Holy Communion at a special 1:00 pm liturgy. Those who now share with us more fully in the Eucharist are Jessica Calixto, Tracy Francka, Gracie Hall, Charles Hoffman, Troy Miller, Isabell Paparella, Gabe Schneider, Scout Schulte, Evie Thornton, Maya Vasquez, and Romina Zamora. We rejoice with these young people and their parents, and these children complete one more step in their path to full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Parish School of Religion: Our PSR programs have now come to an end for the semester. The Covid experience pretty much turned our world upside down, and its impact on PSR was significant.

- Grade 1: Parents opted to work with their children at home.
- Grade 2: Students prepared for First Holy Communion by participating in Saturday morning Zoom classes.
- Middle Grades met on Wednesday evenings on Zoom. Each week they spent time reviewing the assigned lesson of the week and then played games. What a great way to build a sense of community in our youth?
- The seventh and Eighth grades are preparing for Confirmation. They have been meeting on Zoom on Sunday evenings.

We will now begin meeting with parents and teachers to imagine what PSR should look like for 2021-2022.



Happy Anniversary: Mike and Loretta Fender who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on April 11, 2021. Congratulations, and God bless both of you with many more years to come.

Confirmation Preparation: Students just completed "Phase 1" of the preparation program. The youth met on Zoom to watch a series of videos and then to discuss them. The series looked at the basic teachings of the Apostles Creed since the renewal of baptismal promises is an essential part of the Confirmation liturgy. In evaluating the series, the youth commented that they liked the videos and "learned a lot." On Sunday, May 16th, parents and candidates will meet at 9:15 am to firm up the schedule of "Phase 2" of the Preparation program. The class will be going to Conception Abbey for a retreat on September 25th, and Confirmation itself will be on November 6th.



Heavenly Dusters: Please help us clean the Church! If you could sign up to be a substitute or a full-time volunteer, please call Jeff Ryan at 849-4084 or Becky Sleeth at the Parish Office at 865-1112. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take one Sunday each month. God bless you!

SCHS Spring Musical: Tickets will go on sale for the SCHS Spring Musical production of **Little Women** this coming weekend! Dates for the musical are Friday, April 30th, 7 pm; Saturday, May 1st, 7 pm; and Sunday Matinee May 2nd at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Come support the kids!



Oblates of St. Benedict: Two members of our St. Joseph Oblates group - Garry Brown and Daisy McClanahan made their final oblation at Conception Abbey. *Congratulations to you both.*



Memorial Mass: Tuesday, April 27th at 8:00 am for Jeanne Walsh a beloved parishioner of St. Joseph. Please, keep Jeanne, her husband Bob and their family and friends in your prayers.

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been summarized in one profound saying: "All are priests, some are priests, but only one is the Priest." In the full sense, Jesus Christ is the Priest because he is the *one* mediator between God and humanity who offered himself a unique sacrifice on the cross. The universal priesthood of *all* believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serving as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this



World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl

Annual Diocesan Development Fund (DDF):

The annual DDF appeal will be held on Saturday, May 1st, and Sunday, May 2nd. This effort is conducted in every parish of the diocese to help finance the activities and ministries of the Catholic Church in southern Missouri. Our parish goal is \$24,486. We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.



Urgent need for

LifeHouse: Ladies, imagine being pregnant and without transportation to get to the doctor. LifeHouse Crisis Mater-

nity Home is close to capacity, with more mothers and children than ever before, which means that we need more volunteers to provide transportation to and from appointments, work, and daycare. Could YOU step up and offer a little of your time to make a big difference in the lives of the mothers and babies of LifeHouse. For more information about becoming a transportation volunteer, please contact Jill Bryant at jbryant@ccsomo.org or call 417-720-4213.

Welcome

TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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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*P*astor's
*R*eflection



Dear Parishioners,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday* and the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock. The priest in charge of a parish is called a pastor because pastor means shepherd of Christ's sheep. As a shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep in the parish. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a good shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

Message

1. Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and politicians are all shepherds. Shepherding a diocese, a parish, a civil community, or a family is very demanding; dedication, commitment, sacrifice, and vigilance are needed every day on the part of the shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them against physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be cautious of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.
2. Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the bishops are the apostles' successors, the pastors are their helpers, and the parishioners are the sheep. We become good sheep of our parish: a) By hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling, and advice; b) By taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions; c) By cooperating with our pastors giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry, occasionally correcting them with constructive criticism, and praying for them; and d) By cooperating as good stewards in various councils, ministries, and parish associations.
3. Let us pray for vocations to priestly and religious life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community. Christian thinking on vocations has

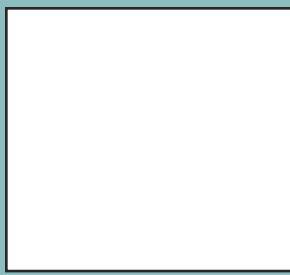
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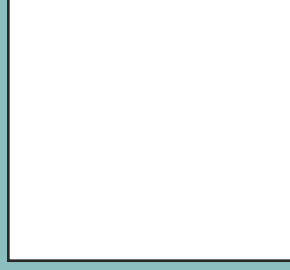


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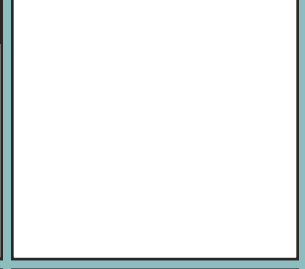
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