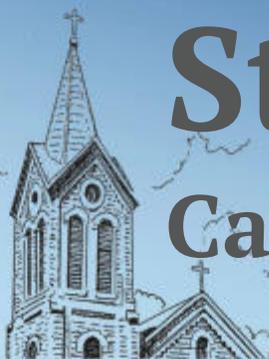


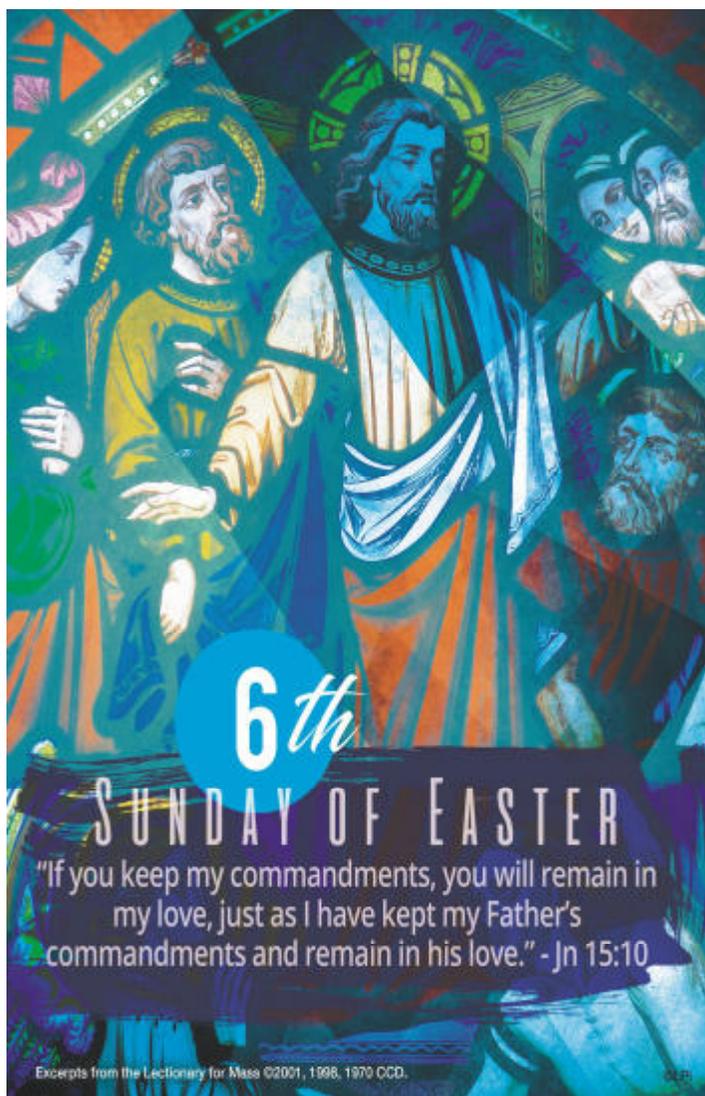
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Parish Mission Statement

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 loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

John 14:23

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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: Monday-Friday

Open 24 hours daily throughout the week.

Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 9, 2021

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Mass Schedule - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat	05/08	4:00 pm	†Christine Shannon
Sun	05/09	8:00 am	†Nancy Banasik
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Mon	05/10	8:30 am	Barmann & Fisher Families Living & †Deceased
Tue	05/11	8:30 am	†Trudy Compton
Wed	05/12	8:30 am	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
Thu	05/13	8:30 am	†Babies lost through abortion
Fri	05/14	8:30 am	†Janet Allsopp
Sat	05/15	4:00 pm	†Jan Parris
Sun	05/16	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Marine Piucanon Sohl

Readings for next week May 16th

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Ephesians 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20

Calendar of Events

For the Week of May 9th

Happy Mother's Day

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon	9:00 am	TOPS Meeting
Mon & Wed	4:00 pm	Zoom Family Rosary
Tue	9:30-12:30 pm	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Tuesday Group
	1:00 pm	Quilters
Fri	All Day	Parish Office Closed
Sat	All Day	Armed Forces Day (Thank you for your service.)

Our Gifts to God for the Week of May 2nd

Envelopes	\$5,341.24	Flowers	\$140.00
Plate	\$587.55	Books	\$14.00
Building	\$1,541.00	The Poor	\$100.00
Votive	\$47.25	Catholic Cemeteries	\$30.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00	CHM	\$30.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00	Online	\$771.77

Please Pray For Our Sick...

Penny Harrison	Carla Duff	Ed Bailey
Miguel Nelson	Brenda Forte	Cheryl Grooms
Betty Brockus	Laurie Richardson	Mary F. Kroutil
John Wagner	David Zeszutek	Mike Banasik
		Kim Nye



The origin of "Mother's Day." Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and **Mother's Day** was observed in several large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day by an act of Congress. He established the day as a time for "public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

Vacation Bible School: The Springfield-area Catholic Vacation Bible School will be June 13th-17th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. It will be from 6 - 8:30 pm each day. This faith-building, fun event is for children entering grades K-6. There are also volunteer opportunities for students entering grades 7-12 and for adults. Registration forms for children and volunteers are at the back of the church. Submit forms by May 30th to be guaranteed a T-shirt. For more information, contact Angela Stevens at anst812@gmail.com or call St. Joseph's rectory at 865-1112.



Great Photos Needed: We are enhancing our web page, and we need great photos of our beautiful church (inside and out), adoration chapel, parish hall, and sacrament celebrations. If you have any photos, please email them to webadmin@stjosephspmo.org or contact Jennifer Dwyer 417-880-8287 (text/call).

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself — my skills and talents, my time and resources — will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 9, 2021

Ministers for May 15 – May 16, 2021
(Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)

Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Fellwock, L.	Hale, L.A.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Gaynor, P.	Henderson, P.	Young, F.
		Gallagher, T.	Holman, T.	
			Shannon, R.	
8:00	Father	Phillips, J.	Cherry, N.	Travis, J.
	Deacon	Skalicky, F.	Cherry, G.	Travis, L.
		Harrison, P.	Ruddell, J.	
			Witt, L.	
10:30	Father	Lee, J.	Fiddymont, I.	Thornton, A.
	Deacon	Wissmueller, P.	Hammer, M.	Thornton, B.
		Stokes, J.	Long, D.	Thornton, C.
			Stokes, B.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitars</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Guitars		
8:00	Gail		Gail	
10:30	Theresa		Kim	

FLOWERS TO COMMEMORATE



Anonymous donor gave the flowers for this weekend, May 8th - 9th Masses, for Mary, the Mother of God, and all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and other women in our lives that love unconditionally. Happy Mother's Day!

Memorial Day Mass: Bishop Rice will celebrate the Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 30th at Immaculate Conception at 9:00 am. There will NOT be a Mass here at St. Joseph.

Bulletin Early Due Date

Sunday, June 6th bulletin is due Wednesday, May 26th.

Members and Ministry Information and Help Table

A new ministry is being formed to help members of the parish. A volunteer will be available after Mass to assist with any of your volunteering or parish-related needs. Please come visit us! If you are interested in serving in this new ministry, please contact Jennifer Dwyer at 417-880-8287 (call/text) or Deacon Matt at 417-880-2921.

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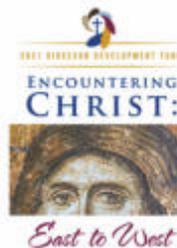
Rosary Rally: To commemorate the 117th anniversary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima on May 13, 1917, a Rosary Rally will be held in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at noon (rain or shine) on May 15, 2021 at Planned Parenthood, 626 Battlefield Rd., Spfd on the sidewalk. Please contact Rorie Orgeron at 417-824-9086 with any questions.

Help Needed: A homebound parishioner is looking for a home aide on weekdays. She has minimal mobility and uses an electric wheelchair. Responsibilities are light housework, laundry, some minor personal care duties, and run small errands. Interested persons, please call Brenda Forte regarding the hours, pay, and an application at 417-824-8103.



CAMP RE-NEW-ALL REGISTRATION: Camp Re-NEW-All registration is now open. Please be sure to register early! At the current time, camp facilities are limited to 50% of the normal capacity. We will be watching the changing situation with the pandemic and working with the camp facility owners to make decisions about accommodations and other safety measures as we get closer to the time of camp. For more information and to register online, go to <https://dioscrg.org/camp-re-new-all/>

Confirmation Preparation: All Confirmation candidates and their parents are asked to attend a planning meeting on Sunday, May 16th, at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall. We are now in the final six months of our program. We need our parents and candidates to help in planning these events.



Annual Diocesan Development

Fund (DDF Report): Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card, and helping toward our goal of \$24,486.00.

Close of Parish School of Religion: This past year, some classes met on Zoom (one on Wednesdays, one on Saturdays) and one class worked exclusively at home. However, the entire group never met together. To mark the end of the 2020 - 2021 year, we invite all our PSR families to join us for a Rosary on Sunday, May 30th, at 9:15 am. Children will bring flowers to Mary and say the Rosary around the statue north of the church. We will also be involving our youth in the various ministries at the 10:30 am Mass.

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ii) As our friend, Jesus will always be faithful to us. Let us return this fidelity by being faithful to him in doing His will; iii) By calling us his friends, Jesus made us equal to him. Let us be proud of it and lead lives worthy of our unique status; iv) As an understanding friend, Jesus is ready to forgive us time and time again. Let us also forgive those who offend us; v) As a friend, Christ has told us everything so that our joy might be complete in him. Let us enjoy Jesus' divine friendship; and vi) Jesus declared that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. He has done it for us. Hence let us also love others sacrificially.

2. Let us be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated God his Father's love for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence as his disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do by sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children, or in other words, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving him or her the respect he or she deserves. In moments of trial and stress when people are hostile or ungrateful, and we feel the pull of bitter resentment in our hearts, we need to remember that Christ's love was not limited to the people he liked, and hence we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

Joke of the Week - Everlasting Love: "Dearest Jimmy, No words could ever express the great unhappiness I've felt since breaking our engagement. Please say you will take me back. No one could ever take your place in my heart, so please forgive me. I love you; I love you; I love you! Yours forever, Marie. P.S. And congratulations on winning the 20 million state lottery."

Let us remain or abide or dwell in God and God in us and one another.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl



Annual Parish Garage Sale: Friday, July 16th, and Saturday, July 17th - Please mark your calendar and remember us during your spring cleaning, collecting, and saving your garage sale items for our parish annual garage and bake sale. Items we cannot accept are TVs and computers. If you have any questions, contact Mary Kenslow at 417-838-3121 or Velma Wagner at 417-818-4848.

Father Karl Out of Town: No morning Mass for Monday, May 17th to Friday, May 21st. Fr. Karl is attending the Community Retreat at the Abby. Also, no morning Mass Tuesday, May 25th to Friday, May 28th. Fr. Karl will be out recuperating. Fr. Boyer will celebrate the Mass on Saturday, May 29th and Sunday, May 30th.

*P*astor's
*R*eflection



Dear Parishioners,

Today's scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ and obey his commandment of love – "love others as I have loved you" – "remain or abide or dwell in" God and God in them. In **the first reading**, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and wants everyone to be saved through His son Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost. **Today's psalm** also directs our attention toward God's marvelous love and kindness in offering salvation to the whole world. In **the second reading**, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans "*as expiation for our sins.*" This divine love gives us the command and duty to love one another as God has loved us. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves, and love one another.

After telling the parable of the vine and branches, in **today's Gospel**, Jesus explains precisely how the disciples are to remain bonded to him as branches are bonded to a vine. They are to obey his commandment of love just as he has obeyed his heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, and sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did for people who do not deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus calls us friends; he tells us that he has chosen us and that if we use his name, we can ask the Father for anything.

How do we "remain or abide or dwell in" God and God in us?

1. Let us cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus: The qualities we normally expect from our friends are **trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy,** and **sacrifice.** Jesus offers us all these qualities in our friendship with him. i) As a friend, he has trusted us by sharing everything he has heard from his Father. Hence, we have to trust him as a friend by listening to him through the Bible and talking to him by prayer;

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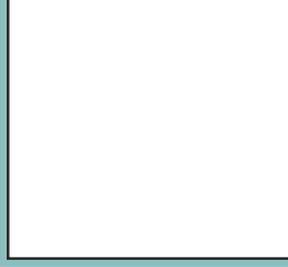
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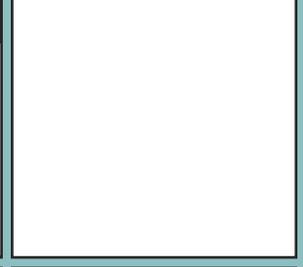
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