



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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August 16, 2020 ~

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Fr. Shoby Chettiyath Pastor
Kelly Harter Administrative Assistant
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Sandra Crockett PSR Coordinator
Teresa Hanafin RCIA Director
Anneliese Reeves Music Minister
Paula Foster Custodian
Tim Potthoff Parish Council President
417-988-4500
Randall Moots Finance Council
417-880-4925

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday 8:30-4:00

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 pm;

Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

2:45-3:45 in the Parish Office or
by appointment.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office or
Father Shoby to request.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Marriages-call 10 months prior to possible date.

ORGANIZATIONS of ST. JOSEPH

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S CLUB

Meets last Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm

Mr. Nathan Waller, President

(785) 294-2755 / npwaller@gmail.com

PCCW

Meets the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 am

Bobbie Emery, President, (417) 209-4387

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Classes held 9:10-10:15 Sunday morning Aug-May

Sandra Crockett, PSR Coordinator

(417) 860-6947 / stjoebpsr@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

Naomi Harter, Tracy Radtke,

Nichole Plowman, Rosario Hedgpeth

St. Joseph Youth Group-Billings

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Meets the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm

Mrs. Pat Hutton, President (417) 732-6180

Pantry Day ~ 2nd Saturday monthly

EVANGELIZATION

Queen of Heaven Solitude

(417) 744-2011

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets Wednesday mornings after 8 am Mass



We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

God bless you and remain blessed.

Fr. Shoby



Kurt & Bettye Boswell, Dorothy Long, Officer Mark Priebe, Tyler Stone, Patty Hicker, Ernie Moentnisch, Alvin Moentnisch, Frank Urban, Ty Laney, Arthur Gregg, Danielle Conklin, Benjamin & Pat Steward, Vicki Lemler, Joe Head, Warren Williams, Jim Verfurth, Layla Stone, Robin Love, Wayne & Harlene Harter, Keith Glouse, Barry Goulet, Ruth Clark, Karen Carr, Wally Wetzel, Patricia Caviness, Raymond Mehl, Trey Hart, Janice Gill, Pat Hutton, Ed & Barbara Zahner, Ron Cafourek, Raymond Garbee, Agnes Hayward, Susanna Pinkley, Heidi & Don Carpenter, Dale Lear, Emily Rose Turner, Juanita Steinbaugh, Halbert Family, Frank & David Luebbert, Coleman Family, Kay Rill, Steve Netzer, Ted & Alice Verfurth, Miles Emerson, Jean Hendricks, Butch Hendricks, Joe Elwood, Patty White, Floyd Burger, end to

infanticide, all caregivers, all impacted by COVID 19 pandemic, all intentions—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.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES Please call the Parish Office (744-2490) when you, or someone you know, would like to be added to the bulletin Prayer List. We are happy to add names as needed, and only ask that you keep us updated when those names should be removed. We try to leave them on for three months only, but will certainly continue to list them as needed. **Prayer Intercessors:** Gail 417/493-5052, Mary 417/619-1611, Juanita 417/744-2045, Judy 417/744-4430, Sharon 417/695-2207



**PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY,
OUR MILITARY, AND
THEIR FAMILIES**

Deployed: Elaina Wetz **Stateside:** Robert Alsup, Chris Batchman, Jason Boyer, Kirsten Davis, Chelsey Eudy, Tyler Eudy, Alexandria Stimpson, Clayton Taylor, Austin Williams

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 22 & 23

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Bill Meisenheimer	Lisa Potthoff	Bonnie King
USHERS	Debby Clutter	Dan Hanafin Randall Moots	Jimmie Butler Joel Butler



August 9

Weekly Envelopes: \$1,469 Maintenance: \$630

Mass Offerings: \$30 Plate Offering: \$30

Candles: \$ 12

Additional Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul: \$35

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 18-23

Tue — 8:00 am	†Ed Westen
Wed — 8:00 am	†Fr. Bill Huggins
Thu — 8:00 am	Fr. Augustine Njuu Intentions
Fri — 8:00 am	†Josephine Breier
Sat — 4:00 pm	†George Napper
Sun — 8:00 am	Parish Family Intentions
Sun — 10:30 am	†Bill Verfurth



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans,
"God's gifts and his call are irrevocable."

To what is God calling me today?

What gifts are mine to share?

DONATE >>
Now accepting donations online!

Text DONATE to 73256
or
go to <https://abundant.co/stjoseph-billingsmo/give>
or
click the "Giving" Button
found on our website

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Catholics believe that we should worship God alone, but venerate Mary. The mother of God is the model of perfect love and obedience to Christ. We pray to the saints because they are exemplars of Christian life. We ask Mary and the saints to intercede before the Holy Trinity on our behalf.



RESPECT LIFE

respect • love • protect

What Can I do? – Matthew 25:45

The Bible commands us to help "the least of these, my brothers and sisters..." Matthew 25:45.

In our culture of death, no doubt the "least of these our brothers and sisters" are the defenseless, innocent children in the womb who are so incredibly vulnerable. So, here are some ideas of what we can do to make a real difference:

- ♦ Meet with and write to your legislators as a constituent, communicating the Catholic Church's position on life issues
- ♦ Support local pregnancy centers by donating your time, talents, and treasure
- ♦ Tell others about Project Rachel, a post-abortion reconciliation/counseling program
- ♦ Pray for those who have been involved in an abortion
- ♦ Pray for the life of all, particularly giving witness outside our local abortion clinics

"From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Thank You

for the cards and kind words
extended to our family
following the passing
of my father.

We deeply appreciate
your expression of sympathy.

Chuck Hubbert and Family

JULY FINANCIAL HEALTH

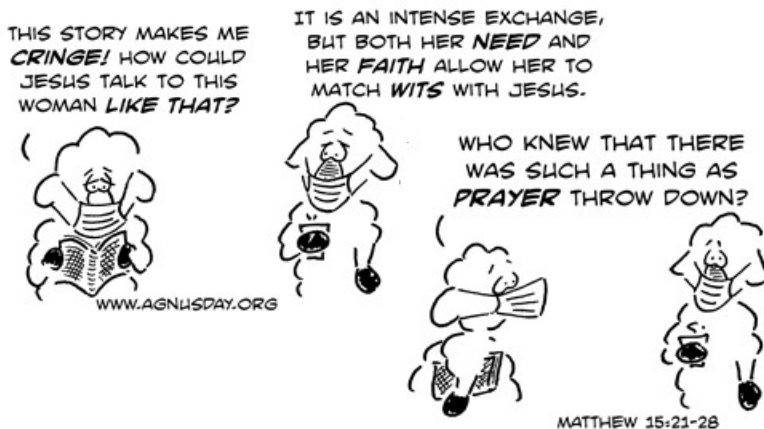
OUR CHURCH'S

Income

Weekly Envelopes	8,951.60
Plate Collections	166.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund Coll	4,335.53
Votive Stands	12.00
Rentals from Church Property	75.00
Interest/Dividend Income (Bank)	2.77
Mass Offering/Stipend/Stole Fee	110.00
Reimbursement Fund	150.60
Total OPERATIONAL INCOME	13,803.50
DDF	1,301.00
St Vincent dePaul Food Pantry	825.00
Total Income	15,929.50

Expense

Payroll	3,743.68
Insurance Premium	595.59
Bank Charges & Other Misc. Fees	27.23
Office Expense	446.47
Lawn Care	560.00
Trash Collection	102.08
Altar-Sanctuary-Choir Supplies	188.50
Telephone	226.21
Utilities Electricity-Gas-Water	1,685.83
Household Expenses	654.99
Parish Paid School Related Exp	734.50
Parish Program Expenses	103.79
Total Operational Expenses	9,068.87
DDF	2,056.00
STVdP Monthly Collection Payout	537.86
Total Expense	11,662.73
Net Income	4,266.77



Proper Disposal of Blessed Objects

If you've ever wondered how to dispose of your broken blessed objects, the common pious custom is to dispose of them by either burning them (if they are flammable) or burying them (if they are not). In the former case, the object is destroyed, thus removing its blessing, and the ashes (or other remains) can simply be discarded.



A new PSR school year is upon us. The teachers and staff have been busy making plans and preparing for another faith-filled year.

The PSR Team will be available between the Masses on August 23 to register your children and visit about our plans for returning to class. A copy of the COVID-19

reopening plan will be shared at registration.

If you would prefer to register virtually, please text Sandra Crockett (417-860-6947). Include your name and desire to register. You will be contacted to schedule an online Zoom meeting to complete the registration process.

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates as they participate in their retreat experience this week. May God's grace and mercy ignite their hearts for love of God.

SAVE THE DATES!

Confirmation Retreat:

Day 2, Aug. 22, 10:00 am-8:00 pm

PSR Registration:

Aug. 23 in the Hall between the Masses (9:10-10:15 am)

First Day of PSR:

Aug. 30, 9:10-10:15 am — Family Gathered Session

First Reconciliation: Sept. 30, 6:00 pm

First Communion Practice: Oct. 3, 10:00 am

First Communion: Oct. 4, 10:30 Mass

Confirmation Retreat: October 10, 10:00 am

Confirmation: Oct. 11, 10:30 Mass



Share Your Faith

Weekly RCIA classes begin the second week of September in the parish hall.

As a parishioner, we ask that you personally invite interested relatives, friends and neighbors to the RCIA. Personal invitation is how most adults come into the Church. If you prefer, you may give the name(s) to the parish by filling in the form on the right or on another piece of paper and mailing it to the parish office or dropping it in the offering basket.

Please PRAY for those who are interested in the Church, for those working with them, and for our whole parish, that we may be a welcoming and loving community that attracts new members to the parish.



Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our...

STUDENTS, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. Would you ensure that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength?

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, that You would grant them wisdom about which schooling option to choose. We pray for your provision physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. We pray for a support system that they can turn to when the challenges of life are overwhelming. We pray for churches and believers to surround local families with more prayer and support this year than ever before.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF, that You would grant them supernatural peace and discernment. We pray for wisdom for school district leaders, and for the safety of every staff person on every school campus. May the community rally around our schools to provide the sanitization, supplies, and emotional support needed by our teachers and school staff as they educate our children.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS, that Your faithfulness and goodness would be evident through our actions as we love the students and school staff as You first loved us. Especially amidst this pandemic, grant us opportunities to develop meaningful relationships in safe ways, and may we strive to serve as Jesus did with grace and humility. We pray that students and teachers would see You through us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

RCIA INVITATION FORM

Please send an invitation for the RCIA to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I prefer that you do ☐ do not ☐ mention my name on the invitation.

Signature: _____