



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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August 23, 2020 ~

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Fr. Shoby Chettiyath Pastor
 Kelly Harter Administrative Assistant
 Janice Fabro Office Assistant
 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.

ANONING

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Classes held 9:10-10:15 Sunday morning, Sept-May

Paula Foster, Adult Education Coordinator

(417) 744-8523 / Fostersr8@att.net

YOUTH GROUP

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



The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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, 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 29 & 30

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Lisa Gardner	Tim Potthoff	Sandra Crockett
USHERS	Debby Clutter	Dan Hanafin Randall Moots	Jimmie Butler Joel Butler

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 25-30

Tue — 8:00 am	†Schmidt & Lambeth Family Deceased Members
Wed — 8:00 am	†Gail Jenisch
Thu — 8:00 am	†Virginia Reichert
Fri — 8:00 am	†Donald Everett & †Dix Harter
Sat — 4:00 pm	†Bill Verfurth
Sun — 8:00 am	†Crissy Sanderson Wilson
Sun — 10:30 am	Parish Family Intentions

**The parish office will be closed
Monday, August 24. Please call Father Shoby
at 417-289-6035 for any pastoral emergencies.**



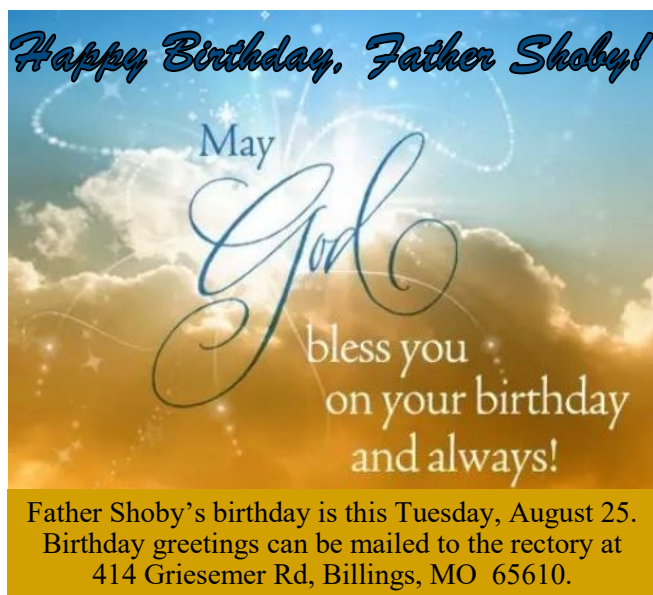
*In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans—and us—
that all things come from God:
“For from him and through him and for him all things are.”
Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of
time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.*



August 16
Weekly Envelopes: \$1,692 Maintenance: \$545
Plate Offering: \$55 EFT: \$815

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



RESPECT LIFE

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Fundamental Right and Elections

As the election draws near, we are hearing more and more about health care, education, the war on terrorism, and other important topics. All of these are, to be sure, very important. However, the most important topic is the one that few people (particularly politicians) want to talk about: abortion.

One might ask, "But how is abortion more important than quality education?" Easy. A child cannot receive a quality education once he/she is aborted. It is certainly a noble goal to ensure that every child receives a quality education, but when one-third of children die before they reach kindergarten, we have failed in providing them with a quality education.

The same is true for other issues. Certainly children should have access to proper health care, but why is health care important? Health care is important because we value human life and seek to protect it from harm. Abortion, conversely, says that the purpose of health care is to destroy life, not to nurture it.

In short, every humanitarian goal (and there are many of them) rests on the premise of the value and protection of human life.

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 FLOWER MINISTRY!

Have you noticed the beautiful arrangements of fresh flowers that adorn the altars in our church? These are the work of some special and talented parishioners.

Chuck Hubbert maintains a cutting garden at his home and donates the flowers.

Virginia Taylor and Dorothy Stone select and cut the blooms and create the stunning bouquets.

We are so fortunate to have fresh flowers and it wouldn't be possible without Chuck, Virginia, and Dorothy's gift of time and talent. Thank you on behalf of Father Shoby and the parish families of St. Joseph!

AUG. 29-30 SECOND COLLECTION benefits the Mission Cooperative Plan

Each year, a variety of religious communities involved in the missionary work of the Church around the world, are invited to send a priest to parishes of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau to preach about the ministry of evangelization that brings the Gospel to many struggling people in other nations.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, none of the missionaries will travel this year. Yet, without the missionary work of the Church, we would not be able to bring to life the command of Christ before he ascended into heaven: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (MT 28:19).

Next weekend, Father Shoby will be speaking on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul and the work they do. Please contribute to the missionary labor of the Church by supporting the Mission Cooperative Plan. Simply write your check to your parish and note that it is for the Mission Cooperative Collection. All funds will be processed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and then sent to each order for their work.

St. Joseph's MENS CLUB

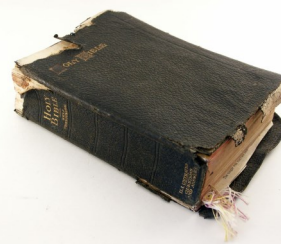
FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

Next Meeting: August 30, 6:00 pm, Team 1 cooks.
All men of the parish, 18 and up, are welcome.
Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship.



St. Joseph's PCCW invites all ladies to join us! We meet the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Next Meeting: August 29



Proper Disposal of Worn-Out Bibles

There is no specifically mandated means of disposing of old Bibles. Some Catholics follow a custom of disposing of them by either burying or burning them, but even that is

not mandated by law. If you have a usable old Bible, you might want to contact a religious supply store—not just Catholic—as they will sometimes take them and share them with the less fortunate.



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.

SAVE THE DATES!

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



The following is required to be published in all parish bulletins twice annually:

Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-3738 or for suspected or known abuse of adults to the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210, and may also be reported to law enforcement agencies.

All diocesan personnel are required to also report violations of The Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers of the Diocese, Parishes, and Schools to the Diocese Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841 or childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org.

Concerns may be discussed with your supervisor, the Diocese Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, or a Victim Assistance Coordinator. Violations and concerns may also be reported using the TIPS online reporting system, accessible through the Diocese webpage, www.dioscg.org.

Failure to Report is a Class A Misdemeanor for a person who is required under the law to report. Filing a False Report is also a Class A Misdemeanor.

To view the Safe Environment Policy and Procedures, the Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers and for other important information, including a link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's document, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, go to: <http://dioscg.org/index.php/about/child-youth-protection2/>

If you are unable to access the website or desire printed information, contact the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841.



Share Your Faith

New RCIA Beginning Date: Sunday, September 13

Due to scheduling and other conflicts, our RCIA classes will now be held on Sundays with the first class meeting in the Parish Office from 9:10-10:15 on Sunday, September 13.

Please continue to 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 below 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.

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: _____



ALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASS PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND A BRIEF MEETING WITH FATHER SHOBY IN THE CHURCH AT 9:10 A.M. THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.



MATTHEW 16:13-20

Plan to Reopen Parish School of Religion (PSR)

The primary focus of the PSR program is to assist parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children while supporting the emotional, spiritual, social, and physical needs of all of the children in our community of faith. To fulfill this mission, we have developed a plan to both share the Good News of Jesus and protect the health safety of our students and volunteers.

We will be returning to in-seat instruction on Sunday mornings from 9:10 to 10:15 as before. We strongly recommend both students and volunteers to wear masks while in the building. We will be practicing social distancing to the best of our ability and also reassigning classrooms to best accomplish this goal. After registration is completed room assignments will be made and parents will be informed during the Family Gathered Session on August 30th.

I. Protect the health safety of students and volunteers

- A. Masks strongly recommended
- B. Reassign classroom to provide maximum social distancing of all classes.
- C. Cover public water fountains
 - a. Small bottles of water will be available for students.
 - b. Small snacks will also be available for students
 - c. Individual (non-communal) school supplies
 - d. Each student will receive their own pencil box/pencil case with individual school supplies.
- D. Promote good hygiene
 - a. Students will be reminded to wash their hands often.
 - b. Students will be reminded to cover their coughs and sneezes.
 - c. Signs will be posted in each classroom and around the hall.
 - d. Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom for student use.
- E. Disinfecting after class.
 - a. Volunteers will be asked to disinfect the tables, chairs, and door handles after class.
- F. Screening for symptoms
 - a. Parents are asked to screen for symptoms prior to bringing their children to class.
 - b. An infrared (non-touch) thermometer will be available in the PSR Coordinator's office for screening if a child begins feeling poorly after class begins.
 - i. Student(s) will be sent to the PSR Coordinator's office.
 - ii. Parents will be contacted for pick up.
 - iii. Student(s) will remain separated from the other students until picked up by parents

II. Religious Education

- A. September - October
 - a. Seated classes
 - b. Teachers will also utilize Google Classroom to share resources
 - i. Parents will need a gmail account to enroll in Google Classroom
- B. Family Gathered Sessions
 - a. Students will be with teachers in classrooms for part of the lesson.
 - b. Parents will be learning together in the Hall Gathering Area.
- C. November - December
 - a. Family Catechesis
 - i. Parents are the most influential people of religious education.
 - ii. Family-Gathered Sessions 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
 - iii. In-home lessons on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
 - iv. Students enrolled in a sacramental preparation class will meet every Sunday.

- D. January - May
 - a. Family Gathered Sessions once a month
 - b. Students will have seated classes.

III. Communications

- A. Remind (text "@2kh4789" to 81010)
- B. Facebook : StJosephPSR

IV. COVID-19 Response

- A. Designated Point of Contact (POC): Sandra Crockett, PSR Coordinator 417-860-6947
Email: stjoebpsr@gmail.com
- B. When a child or volunteer is told to self-quarantine
 - a. Contact the POC to notify of the situation
 - b. Complete the lessons on Google Classroom
- C. When a child or member of the child's family tests positive for COVID-19
 - a. Contact the POC to notify of the situation
 - b. Students should complete lessons on Google classroom
 - c. POC will notify Fr. Shoby
 - d. If possible exposure occurred during PSR, all families and catechist will be notified of the possible exposure by the POC
 - e. If needed, effected classes with complete assignments virtually for 2 weeks.
- D. When a volunteer or catechist tests positive for COVID-19
 - a. Contact the POC to notify of the situation
 - b. POC will notify Fr. Shoby
 - c. If no threat for possible exposure occurred during PSR
 - i. Class will be held with a substitute
 - d. If possible exposure occurred during PSR
 - i. POC will inform all families
 - ii. Instruction will be held via Google Classroom for two weeks
 - 1. Parents will be notified via Remind as situation changes

V. Emotional Support in case of Stay at Home Order

- A. Keep the Lines of Communication Open
 - 1. Catechist and PSR Coordinator will utilize Remind and Facebook to share resources
 - 2. Family Clusters
 - a) Each catechist will be assigned a group of 5-6 families to support during the stay at home period
 - b) Parents will receive support with religious education materials.
 - c) Virtual meetings
 - (1) Google Meets
 - (2) Zoom meeting
 - (3) Once a week, preferably during PSR time

We hope this plan will ease some of the anxiety that we know all parents are experiencing as we try to return to school. We understand that this is, as it has been, a very fluid situation and are in continued contact with state, county, and local agencies to make sure the decisions made safeguard the health of all those in our community.

We join you, in prayer, for a resolution to this situation and appreciate your support as we navigate through these uncertain times.

May God Bless you and your family.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sandra Crockett.