



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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September 13, 2020 ~ Twenty-Fourth 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, 7:30 am

RECONCILIATION

3:00-3:45 in the Church Confessional
or by appointment.

ANointing

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



Matthew 18:21-35 When is Enough Enough?



Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing, but also bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but also with God and myself as well.

To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again.

Who among us has not wronged or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend the same grace to our neighbor.

God bless you and remain blessed.

Fr. Shoby



Opal Mowry, Dominic Clevenger, Norm Fanning, 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

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Bill Meisenheimer	Dustin Bobbitt	Andrea Butler
USHERS	Danny Garbee	Darren Fabro Sean Chastain	Mike Glouse Ed Amass

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 15-20

Tue — 7:30 am	†Gail Jenisch
Wed — 7:30 am	†Bob Breitenstein
Thu — 7:30 am	†Helena Foster
Fri — 7:30 am	†Virginia Reichert
Sat — 4:00 pm	†Don Hays
Sun — 8:00 am	Parish Family Intentions
Sun — 10:30 am	†Virginia Reichert



September 6

Weekly Envelopes: \$3,141 Maintenance: \$213

Plate Offering: \$52

Mass Offering: \$30 PSR: \$40

Additional Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul: \$390

Mission Appeal: \$123

Church EVENTS

Sep 13	9:10 am	RCIA & PSR Class
Sep 15	6:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sep 16	7:00 pm	Adoration
Sep 20	9:10 am 10:30 am	RCIA & PSR Class Catechetical Sunday
Sep 23	7:00 pm	Adoration
Sep 26	9:30 am	PCCW Meeting
Sep 27	10:30 am 6:00 pm	Confirmation Students Introduction Men's Club Meeting
Sep 30	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	First Reconciliation Adoration



**Weekly Adoration
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**
You may bring a prayer book or rosary for your use during adoration, or just sit quietly, gazing at the Blessed Sacrament, and taking in the grace and peace that comes from being with Christ.



Stewardship is not optional!

***“None of us lives as his own master,
and none of us dies as his own master,” says St. Paul.
“While we live, we are responsible to the Lord,
and when we die, we die as his servants.”***



CATECHIST NEEDED!

Do you have a passion for youth and our faith? We need you. If you are interested in helping with PSR, please contact Sandra Crockett at 417-860-6947.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Sr. Charlotte Flarlong, SSND, has a masters degree in pastoral studies and certification in spiritual direction from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. She has served as pastoral associate at Our Lady of the Ozarks in Forsyth, MO for the past nine years and will be moving to Springfield in fall 2020. Sr. Charlotte is available for individual and group direction as well as for reflection days for various parish groups in southwest Missouri.

Spiritual direction is the process of a director (guide) accompanying a directee (seeker) on his/her spiritual journey of growing closer to God. A spiritual director walks with a directee and assists the seeker to awaken more fully to the spiritual in everyday life, to develop a deeper relationship with God, and to explore their prayer life. In formal spiritual direction the director is a person who has been trained, supervised and certified. Meetings are usually scheduled in advance on a regular basis – usually every three or four weeks for about an hour. Fee is negotiable.

Persons seek spiritual direction, for example, when they are experiencing a new sense of God in their lives, when facing a change or transition in life, when discerning an important decision in life, when desiring to deepen their prayer life, when experiencing grief or discouragement, when feeling “stuck” in their spiritual life, or when they are sensing a new experience of God in their life.

Face-to-face spiritual direction is not possible at this time due to Covid-19. However, many individuals seek to deepen their relationship with God as they journey through the pandemic. Sr. Charlotte is available to meet online with individuals who would like to begin spiritual direction now.

If you are interested in beginning spiritual direction or need additional information, please contact Sister Charlotte at 417-231-5300 or char.flarlong@gmail.com.



RCIA'S EDUCATIONAL ONLINE VIDEOS AVAILABLE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Credo (meaning I believe) is a groundbreaking RCIA video program that carefully teaches candidates and catechumens the key tenets of the Faith. The program walks candidates through the course, introducing the treasures of the Catholic faith.

As RCIA begins this Sunday, you are invited to also take a journey in faith to refresh your own knowledge and understanding of Catholicism. Simply register for streaming and watch the videos at your convenience in the comfort of your own home. Or, you are invited to attend the Sunday RCIA classes right along with those who are inquiring.

Parish Group Name: St. Joseph's - Billings, MO
Video Access Code: SB01062

To register for Streaming:

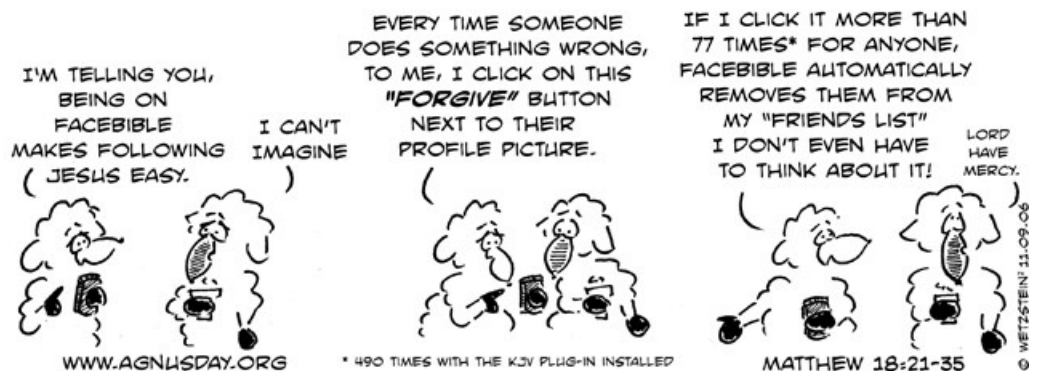
1. Visit SaintBenedictPress.com/register
2. Create your username (email address) and password
3. Enter our parish name exactly as shown above
4. Enter our Video Access Code above
5. Make sure you have filled out all required fields and click “Submit.” You are now registered for Streaming.

For subsequent logins:

1. Visit SaintBenedictPress.com.
2. Hover over the “Streaming” button in the top menu, then select Credo from the drop-down menu.
3. Click on the video you'd like to watch, then click “Please Login.”
4. Enter your email and password, then click the Login button. You are now signed in and may watch any of your registered video programs.

This week's RCIA topic:

Lesson 1: Knowing and Desiring God



RESPECT LIFE

respect · love · protect

It's Time for a Spiritual Audit!

In virtually every aspect of life—corporate, athletic, education etc., —there is a constant evaluation process to measure growth and improvement. Now it is a good time to assess our spiritual progress. Have we made a difference? If God were totally our "faith in action," would He be pleased with what we have done (or failed to do)?

Evils plague our society, such as abortion, pornography "comprehensive sex" education, tax funding of Planned Parenthood, and other anti-God, anti-life and anti-family issues.

As Christians, we know that the Bible commands us to be active in serving God. Service is an action word, so we know that we cannot serve God by sitting on the sidelines, or being a "fence sitter." Are we as Catholics influencing our world, or is today's relativism and secularism influencing us much more?

Are we setting an example to the next generation to protect marriage and to defend life, from conception until natural death, or are we just "passively" pro-life? Do we speak up when in a position to defend innocent life? Do we hold our elected representatives accountable?

Obviously, we cannot do it all, but we can certainly do something! Literally, thousands of lives are at stake each and every day. If we do nothing, we collude with the pro-aborts, the purveyor of pornography and those that wish to remove God from society. By doing nothing, we reap what they sow!

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." James 4:17

Grandparents

When God created grandparents,
the world was truly blessed
with all the special joys
that make a family happiest.

For grandparents know how to do the
little things that warm our heart...
they touch our lives with love and care
right from the very start...

They show that they believe in us
and all we're dreaming of...
When God created grandparents,
he blessed our lives with love...



Splish

Happy Grandparents Day!

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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.

Special Collection Next Weekend Retirement Fund for Religious

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to serve and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



Now in God's hands

By God's Grace, heirs of the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7

Our Condolences

to Gary & Bev Campbell and family
upon the passing of his mother, Dorothy Campbell,
who went to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 3.
We pray for comfort for the family.

