



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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September 27, 2020 ~ Twenty-Sixth 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 Pastoral 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 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



When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody.

Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants.

We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy.

What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.

God bless you and remain blessed.

Fr. Shoby



Susan Mitchell, Pam Gideon, 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

OCTOBER 3 & 4

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Bill Meisenheimer	Lisa Potthoff	Sandra Crockett
USHERS	Jerry Vermule	Gerald Griffin Tim Potthoff	Mike King Jason Hedgpeth

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 4

Tue — 7:30 am	†Virginia Reichert
Wed — 7:30 am	†Elizabeth Bramer
Thu — 7:30 am	Venrick & Hulsizer Families Living & Deceased Members
Fri — 7:30 am	†Jim Harter
Sat — 4:00 pm	†Frances Everett
Sun — 8:00 am	†Jim Baker
Sun — 10:30 am	Parish Family Intentions



September 20

Weekly Envelopes: \$1,499 Maintenance: \$290

Plate Offering: \$103

Additional Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul: \$100 Retired Religious: \$695 PSR: \$120

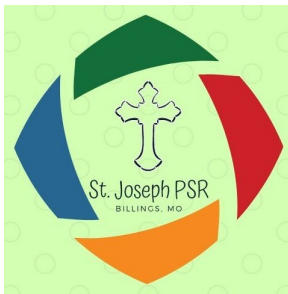
Text DONATE to 73256 or go to <https://abundant.co/stjoseph-billingsmo/give> or click the "Giving" Button found on our website

Church EVENTS

Sep 27	All Masses 9:10 am 6:00 pm	Special Collection: Holy Land RCIA & PSR Class Men's Club Meeting
Sep 30	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	First Reconciliation Adoration
Oct 2	7:30 am	First Friday Mass & Novena
Oct 3	10:00 am	First Communion Practice
Oct 4	All Masses 9:10 am 10:30 am	Special Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Pantry RCIA & PSR Class First Communion
Oct 10	7:30 am 10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Confirmation Retreat & Practice
Oct 11	All Masses 9:10 am 10:30 am	Special Collection: Maintenance RCIA & PSR Class Confirmation with Bishop Rice



The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?



On Wednesday, September 30, the third-graders will be making their First Reconciliation as part of the Adoration service. Adoration will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude after confessions have been heard. We welcome all to participate in Adoration and ask to allow the third-graders to receive the Sacrament of Penance first.

Additionally, on Sunday, October 4, the third-graders will be making their First Holy Communion during the 10:30 Mass. We have 6 students preparing for the sacrament and will be using the first 3 available pews on both sides of the church for these families. **Please be aware that this will impact available seating during the 10:30 Mass.**

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



This week's RCIA topic:

*Lesson 3:
Introduction to Prayer
and the
Sacraments*

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

Stream the video online!
Visit SaintBenedictPress.com/register

Lighting Candles Resumes

After a brief suspension as a precautionary measure due to COVID, candles may once again be lit in the church. To avoid cross-contamination, it is advised that those lighting candles use hand sanitizer before and after handling items in the common areas. A nominal donation is requested to offset the cost of the candle.

Why do Catholics light candles?



The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. Adapted from ancient Judaism, 1st century Catholics lit candles for Mass, prayer ceremonies and at the tombs of martyrs to show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. Catholics often light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint.

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.**



Share Your Feedback

The Parish Pastoral Council (aka Parish Council) is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. A Parish Pastoral Council gives its help to the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; it investigates, under the authority of the pastor, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them. Council meetings occur in the context of prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, so that at all times the common good will prevail.

Specifically, the Parish Pastoral Council's purpose is to enhance the process of pastoral planning, developing pastoral programs, improving pastoral services, evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services.

Do you have ideas and recommendations in line with these objectives? Share your feedback with a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

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Dustin Bobbitt, 343-8614
Bobbie Emery, 209-4387
Dan Hanafin, 840-1784

Jim Fry, 844-6499
Gary Stepp, 844-1148
Andrea Butler, 838-8427
Jerry Vermule, 744-4430

YOU KNOW, NEITHER OF
THESE SONS IS ANY GOOD.
ONE IS **DISRESPECTFUL** AND
THE OTHER IS A **SLACKER!**

YES, AND
REPENTANCE IS
THE ONLY
APPROPRIATE
RESPONSE.



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OH, RIGHT!
I'M SORRY THAT I
SAID THAT.



MATTHEW 21:23-32

All Life Is Precious

We are all aware that 'ISIS' is a real danger to all people everywhere. They plot mass murders and kill with abandon anyone who gets in their way, beheading their captives whether they are men, women or children.

Are we any better than them? In 1973, our U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion. Since then, more than 62 million babies in the womb have been brutally murdered here in the United States alone.

How in the world have we ever let this atrocity continue? As the saying goes,

'evil happens when good people do nothing.'



It is normal practice for Catholics to bless objects such as medals, statues, pictures and other religious articles. Such a pious practice sets these objects apart and point us, in a small

way, towards our Lord.

But, most of us never *record* when these objects were blessed. Nor do we keep them in any separate container marking them as such. You may wonder, what is the point of that? We've been raised to handle blessed objects reverently ever since we joined the Church. We must remember that these objects are blessed, which separates them from being an ordinary object, and should be treated with more care.

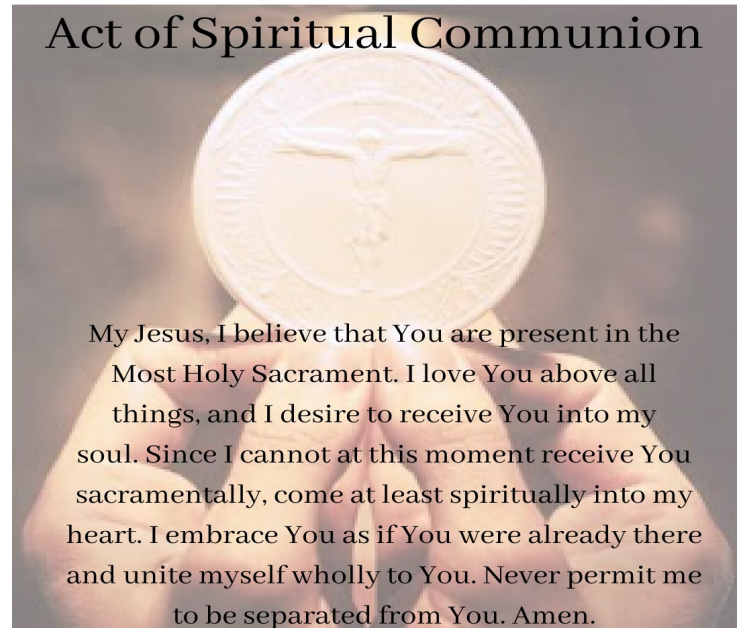
We never know exactly what happens to our blessed objects after our deaths. Suppose we die and leave no will. Suppose our estates are handled by a non-Catholic who has no idea about the sin of simony. It is then likely that these blessed items will be given to thrift stores or put in a yard sale, which will then sell them to the general public. All without knowing that that object is blessed and therefore, shouldn't be sold, but given.

We can hope that a Catholic will come along and give the item in question a good home. If there is a case where the item is purchased from either a thrift store or a yard sale, the Catholic will most likely give the benefit of the doubt and have the object blessed themselves.

But we cannot count on such a sentiment, nor should we - if we can avoid it - leave any opportunity for the devil to do his work. Especially when it comes to grave sins like simony.

Simony is the sale of Church offices, indulgences, and sacred objects. It is a serious sin, as the sale not only negates the blessing, but also incurs sacrilege. To knowingly sell a sacramental with a blessing attached to it falls under this

Act of Spiritual Communion



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particular sin.

To avoid potential sacrilege, it may be prudent (especially in the case of statuary), to label the object with the date on which the item was blessed. This can be easily done by pen or marker on the bottom of the statue. If there is room, add "do not sell." In doing this, it also puts an identification on the object in case it gets lost or stolen.

Also, especially for those older folks who are working on wills, it would be prudent that the blessed objects of your home be well documented and be definitively bequeathed to a specific person or that specific instructions be left to donate them to a Catholic church. It would also be wise to add a clause in which clarifies that the blessed items **MUST** be given away and never sold. By law, this must be followed to the letter, so be specific.

For the purchasing side of the question—as we know that thrift stores and yard sales can turn up wonderful pieces for pretty low prices. In the case for yard sales, ask the person who is selling the item the history of the piece and specifically if it was blessed or not before buying. Chances are, they don't know themselves, but it is worth checking.

As for the question of whether it is moral or not to pick up religious articles from a thrift store because of the risk of simony, in most cases, the articles are sold cheaply, with no distinction of having being blessed or not. This latter point would be the indicator for simony. Since those items are donated, it's almost impossible to trace it, so it is not worth asking the sales clerk.

In conclusion, this information is not intended to stir up any scruples concerning the buying of religious articles. Many of us have likely purchased religious items from thrift stores in the past and have had them blessed without issue. With this new knowledge, though, we can make sure that they are not sold again.

