



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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October 4, 2020 ~

Twenty-Seventh 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 Saturdays in the Confessional  
or by appointment.

## ADORATION

7:00 pm Wednesdays.

## ANOIDING, 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 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday monthly

### EVANGELIZATION

Queen of Heaven Solitude

(417) 744-2011

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets Wednesday mornings after 8 am Mass

Read this bulletin online at [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com)

*'I tell you, then,  
that the kingdom  
of God will be  
taken from you  
and given to a  
people who will  
produce its fruit.'*



Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day, nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us.

All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly, we are not.

God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized.

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 10-11**

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>LECTOR</b>	Debby Clutter	Whitney Griffin	Bryan Crockett
<b>USHERS</b>	Jerry Vermule	Gerald Griffin Tim Potthoff	Mike King Jason Hedgpeth

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**OCTOBER 6-11**

Tue — 7:30 am	Parishioners having October Birthdays & Anniversaries
Wed — 7:30 am	†Fr. William Connell
Thu — 7:30 am	†Anthony Rini
Fri — 7:30 am	†Jim Harter
Sat — 4:00 pm	Parish Family Intentions
Sun — 8:00 am	†Gail Jenisch
Sun — 10:30 am	†Bill Verfurth



**September 27**

**Weekly Envelopes: \$2,957 Maintenance: \$6  
Plate Offering: \$33 Mass Offering: \$10 Candles: \$30**

*Additional Contributions:*

St. Vincent de Paul: \$31 Holy Land: \$316 Retired Religious: \$31

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

## Church EVENTS

Oct 4	All Masses 9:10 am 10:30 am	Special Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Pantry RCIA & PSR Class First Communion
Oct 7	7:00 pm	Adoration
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
Oct 12	Parish Office Closed	Columbus Day
Oct 14	7:00 pm	Adoration



**Weekly Adoration  
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**

**An invitation  
from Jesus  
to spend one hour  
with Him.**



*In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?*





## Congratulations to

*Cooper Cox, Malaya Hickman, Kayce McKnight, Elayna Moe, Lillian Pexa, and Kylie Williams* who celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday, September 30, and receive First Communion this Sunday.

*On these grace-filled occasions of your First Confession and First Communion, may you discover the peace and the amazing love of God's forgiveness and be strengthened by His sacred Body & Blood on your journey through life.*

## SAVE THE DATES!

**Confirmation Retreat:** October 10, 10:00 am

**Confirmation:** Oct. 11,

9:00 am—Candidates Meet with Bishop Rice,

10:30—Confirmation Mass

11:45—Private Reception for Newly Confirmed

## 10:30 CONFIRMATION MASS NEXT SUNDAY LIMITED IN ATTENDANCE

Fifteen young people will be confirmed next Sunday, October 11, at the 10:30 Mass. Due to limited space to allow for social distancing, this Mass time is being reserved for only the family and friends of the Confirmandi. **Those who do not have a loved one being confirmed next Sunday are kindly asked to please attend one of the other two Masses next weekend—4:00 p.m. Saturday or 8:00 a.m. Sunday.** *Thank you* for your understanding and helping make safe social distancing possible as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.



*This week's RCIA topic:*

*Lesson 4:*

*The Most Holy Trinity*

**Parish Group Name:**

St. Joseph's - Billings, MO

**Video Access Code:** SB01062

Stream the video online!

Visit [SaintBenedictPress.com/register](http://SaintBenedictPress.com/register)

## 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.



*Pastoral Council*

## Share Your Feedback

The Parish Pastoral Council (aka Parish Council) is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, giving 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. Specifically, the 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.**

Tim Potthoff, 988-4500

Dustin Bobbitt, 343-8614

Bobbie Emery, 209-4387

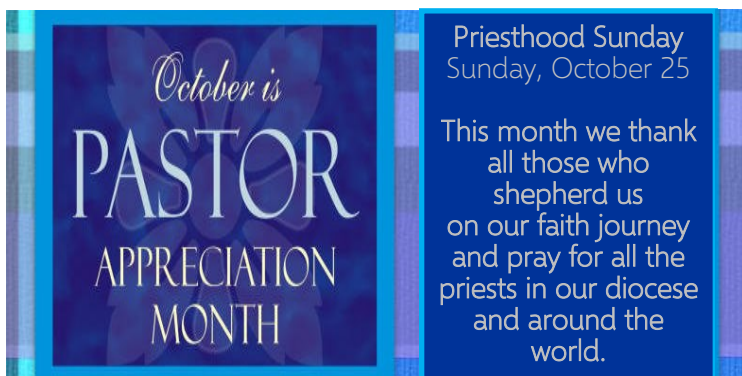
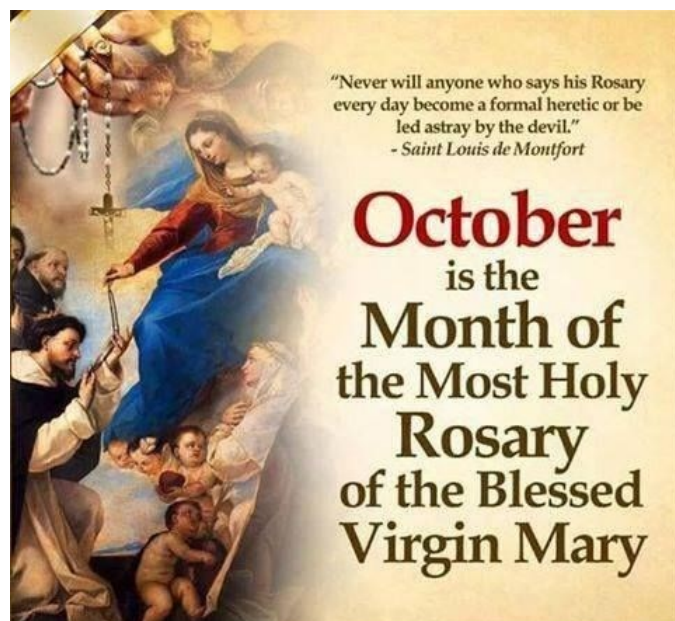
Dan Hanafin, 840-1784

Jim Fry, 844-6499

Gary Stepp, 844-1148

Andrea Butler, 838-8427

Jerry Vermule, 744-4430



## Respect Life Month Statement, October 2020

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann  
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

As Catholics in the United States, we mark our annual observance of October as Respect Life Month. This is a time to focus on God's precious gift of human life and our responsibility to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

This year's theme, "Live the Gospel of Life," was inspired by the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*. Pope John Paul's masterfully articulated defense of the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized is more relevant today than ever before.

This past November, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." While we noted not to "dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as poverty, the environmental crisis, and the death penalty," we renewed our

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commitment to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to live.

This past January, I shared with Pope Francis that the Bishops of the United States had been criticized by some for identifying the protection of the unborn as a pre-eminent priority. The Holy Father expressed his support for our efforts observing that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a culture of life and civilization of love. The important work of transforming our culture begins by allowing the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make. May we strive to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps, caring for the most vulnerable among us. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to live courageously and faithfully his Gospel of life.

## THE THREAT of the CHEMICAL ABORTION PILL

A rising threat to the lives of unborn babies is the chemical abortion pill. The number of chemical abortions in the US has gone up dramatically, while the overall number of abortions has decreased. COVID-19 is expected to only make the problem worse, with more women (and teen girls) seeking chemical abortions at home—even illegally, by mail and without a doctor's prescription. This is especially scary because chemical abortion can be more painful, traumatic, and risky for women than surgical abortion. But there is hope: a new bill has been introduced that could help protect mothers and babies from chemical abortion.

TAKE ACTION NOW TO help protect moms and babies from chemical abortion: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/77315/respond>



### A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours.



### JASON EVERT

is a bestselling author of more than ten books, and has brought the message of chastity to more than one million people on six continents. He and his wife run the website [chastityproject.com](http://chastityproject.com)

### EVENING INCLUDES:

Chastity presentation for teens & parents

Sacrament of Reconciliation | Eucharistic Adoration | Free materials for every family!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL  
3305 N High St, Jackson, MO 63755  
MONDAY, November 30, 2020, 7:00-9:00pm

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2200 W Republic Ave. Springfield, MO 65807  
TUESDAY, December 1, 2020, 7:00-9:00pm

TICKETS \$20\*

Register: [Chastity.com/Purified](http://Chastity.com/Purified)  
Info: 417-866-0841, [knewton@dioscg.org](mailto:knewton@dioscg.org)



\*For a limited time, buy 2 tickets, get one free!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's annual  
**Cherub Mass**  
will be held Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 PM.  
This is a Mass to honor and celebrate all children who  
have died. Please come and share  
this special  
Liturgy.

Social distancing and masks are required.