



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**Pastor Fr. Augustine R. Njuu, A.J.**

**October 6, 2019**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: Tuesday ~ Friday 8:00 am  
 Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 pm;  
 Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

## CONFESSION

Saturday, 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday 9:00-4:00


## **ORGANIZATIONS of ST. JOSEPH**

### ST. JOSEPH MEN'S CLUB

Meets last Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm  
 Mr. Gary Stepp, President  
 (417) 844-1148 / steppgary@yahoo.com

### PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW)

Meets the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 am  
 Bobbie Emery, President  
 (417) 209-4387 / roberta.emery@va.gov

 **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**  
 Classes held 9:10-10:15 Sunday morning Aug-May  
 Bonnie King, PSR/Confirmation Director  
 (417) 861-5010 / bonniestjoepsr@aol.com

### YOUTH GROUP

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

### PARISH COUNCIL

Meets quarterly—Mar, Jun, Sept & Dec  
 Tim Potthoff, Chairman  
 (417) 988-4500

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly—Feb, May, Aug & Nov  
 Randall Moots, Chairman  
 (417) 848-6196

### EVANGELIZATION

The Society of Our Mother of Peace  
 Queen of Heaven Solitude  
 (417) 744-2011

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets Wednesday mornings after 8 am Mass  
 Mrs. Joanne Verfurth (417) 744-2911



***“When you have done all you have been commanded,  
 say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what  
 we were obliged to do.’” Luke 17:10b***

- \* **Parish Registration:** Are you new to our parish or have never registered? We welcome you and invite you to formally join our parish by registering. Forms available in the church vestibule or call the parish office.
- \* **Baptism & Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule. For marriages, contact Father at least nine months prior to the wedding date.
- \* **Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits:** Contact the Parish Office prior to entering the hospital when you or a family member wish to be anointed prior to surgery or to request Father visit during hospitalization.
- \* **Bulletin Submission Deadline:** Wednesday, 12:00 pm

**Parish Office Staff:** Nicole Dotson, Kelly Harter  
**Office Assistant:** Janice Fabro  
**Custodian:** Paula Foster, 417-849-4418  
**Music Director:** Anneise Reeves, 417-761-0231  
**Flower Ministry:** Heidi Carpenter, 417-466-3633, & Virginia Taylor

**Read the bulletin online at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)**



# From the Pastor on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Theme: Increase our Faith.

A certain man asked his 14 year old son to wash his car. It was his first time to ask the son to do this. The man normally got the car washed at the local garage but hadn't the time to go there that day. The son's reaction was to ask the father: "How much will you give me for doing it?" The father was very upset and sad. He replied: "Ever since your birth I took care of you, loved you, fed you, clothed you, sent you to a good school. I never once asked you to pay for this. Loving you as I do how could I have asked you to pay me?"

In the gospel today Jesus is telling us that we cannot claim anything from God because of any good we do. We can never put God into our debt. We can never make claims on him when we have done our best. Have we not only done our duty? How could we fail to do what God asks of us in response to all God's blessings to us? The whole idea of merit, reward must be abandoned in our approach to God. It is a warning against a book-keeping mentality. As Jesus says in the gospel: "So with you when you have done all that you have been told to do, say: we are merely servants. We have done no more than our duty". However, God would not want us to respond only out of a sense of duty but as an act of love, of gratitude for all he gives daily.

The disciples asked for an increase of faith. Jesus takes this opportunity to describe meaning and power of faith in God. Its not so much about quantities (graces) as it is, the awareness of God's love impeded at the core of our shared humanity. (created in the image of God) To have faith in God, is to be willing to hear anew as God speaks to us in the person of Christ. Such awareness brings about divine wisdom, courage and redemptive obedience that leads to mighty deeds of mercy. These deeds are performed out of love and their reward lies in the sheer joy of doing what God himself would have done.

In the days of prophet Habakkuk Jerusalem was under the Babylonians. The Jews were in desperate shape, threatened by their enemies and falling apart internally. Their moral fiber was unraveling. Corruption beset them. Their religious practices had diminished to the point where they were only empty and formal rites which they merely externally observed so many social injustices, spiritually they were in near collapse.

Confronted with these realities, Prophet Habakkuk made this prayer to God "How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong doing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted" How many of us have heard those words in our own day? How many of us have heard them whispered in our own hearts and souls?

The power to defeat evil is given to us by the one who defeated evil on the cross. The way to justice, unity, peace and Happiness is through the way of the cross as shown by Christ himself. All other ways lead to fear and death.

*Lord increase our faith, as you did your disciples, that we may be your intentional disciples and with you, build a lasting kingdom where justice, peace and unity prevail at all times. Amen.*

**STATUS UPDATE: I will be saying Mass here until Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no week day masses Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Annual Priest Retreat. I will be leaving for home (Tanzania) on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Keep me in your prayers.**







Keith Glouse, Barry Goulet, Mike Day, Ruth Clark, Joel Mendoza, Kelsea Taylor, Cody Browning, Ken Buster, Terry Carr, Annette Lasson, Steven Letts, Sarah Mahaffey, Mike Higgins, Steven Zoller, Jerry Langley, Tony Vesci, Jr., Wally Wetzell, Martha Peters, Mary Perry, Sarah Villareal, Patricia Caviness, James Mohler, Malcolm McGregor, Curtis Whitlow, Harper Brashears, Regina Giles, Raymond Mehl, Trey Hart, Eva Conyer, Ryan Blankenship, Joseph Lawrence, Donice Barrett, Janice Gill, Meghan Foster, Teresa Harter, Sarah Golubski, Nancy & Wayne Clemmons, Leasha Bear, Barbara Davis, Pat Hutton, Anneleise Reeves, Brad Harber, Dan Chilton, Ed & Barbara Zahner, Mark Black, Laura Medley, Karen Ward, Elizabeth Shelburn, Ron Cafourek, Mason Manegold, Colston Henderson, Julie Kisse, Michelle Lynch, Raymond Garbee, Heather Nicholson, Agnes Hayward, Susanna Pinkley, Heidi & Don Carpenter, Travis Sanders, Dale Lear, Emily Rose Turner, Juanita Steinbaugh, Virginia Reichert, Ann Stever, Halbert Family, Frank & David Luebbert, Coleman Family, Kay Rill, Steve Netzer, Ted & Alice Verfurth, Miles Emerson, Emilia Austin, Jean Hendricks, Joe Elwood, Patty White, Floyd Burger, end to infanticide, all caregivers, 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:** Robert Alsup  
Boyer, Vaughn Brown, Kirsten Davis, Chelsey Eudy, Tyler Eudy, Dakota Harter, Elaina Parks, Alexandria Stimpson, Clayton Taylor, Austin Williams

**Stateside:** Shelby Andrus, Chris Batchman, Jason



Oct 6	All Masses 9:15 am	Second Collection-St. Vincent de Paul Society Pet Blessing
Oct 12	7:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Day
Oct 13	All Masses	Second Collection-Maintenance Reserve Fund
Oct 14		Parish Office Closed for Columbus Day
Oct 20	All Masses	Second Collection-World Mission Sunday
Oct 21-25		Annual Clergy Institute—No Weekday Masses
Oct 26	9:30 am	PCCW Meeting
Oct 27	12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Priest's Appreciation Day Potluck Men's Club Meeting
Oct 31	5:00-7:00 pm	Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot



	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>LECTOR</b>	Kelly Harter	Whitney Griffin	Barbara Glouse
<b>EUCARIST MINISTERS</b>	Kelly Harter Chuck Hubbert Danny Garbee	Whitney Griffin Bev Baker Dustin Bobbitt	Barbara Glouse Joe Sciarrino Rosario Hedgpeth Andrea Butler
<b>SERVERS</b>	Julia Radtke Nicole Radtke	Bobbie Emery	Jack Hedgpeth
<b>GIFTS</b>	Volunteers	Gary & Diane Stepp	Jimmie Butler Family
<b>USHERS</b>	Bill Meisenheimer Jerry Vermule	Tim Potthoff Gerald Griffin	Mike King Jason Hedgpeth
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Chad & Whitney Griffin		



**SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

Regular Envelopes	1580.00	Loose	349.43
PSR	55.00	Mass Offerings	20.00
Candles	63.75		



Tue — 8:00 am	Juliet & Ada Miller
Wed — 8:00 am	✠ Jean Heston
Thu — 8:00 am	✠ Debbie (Stever) Huffman
Fri — 8:00 am	✠ Bob Walker
Sat — 4:00 pm	✠ Catherine Governale (Pat & Peggy Napper)
Sun — 8:00 am	✠ Susan (Netzer) Russell (Janice Fabro)
Sun — 10:30 am	✠ Steve Swift



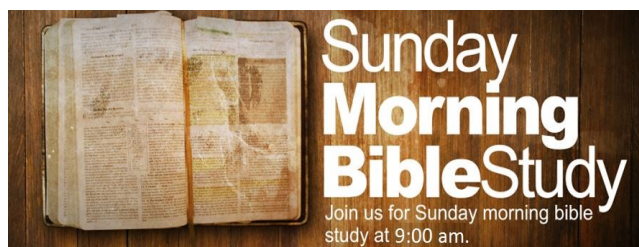
**St. Joseph's PCCW invites all ladies to join us! We meet the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Our next meeting is October 26.**

**Some of our activities include:**

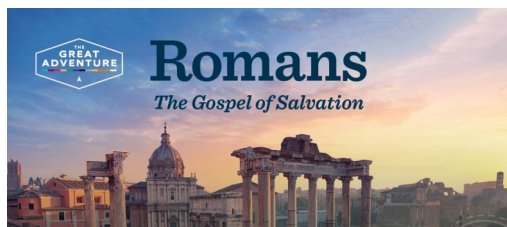
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| Bereavement Dinners  | Senior Christmas Dinner                                       |
| Soup Supper Fundraiser   | Billings Fair   |
| Easter Vigil Reception   | Holy Communion Reception                                      |
| Priest's Appreciation Day                                      | Potluck Meals<br>(ex: St. Joseph Feast Day)                   |
| Meal for Visiting Priests at<br>Advent & Lent Penance Services | Support Food Pantry &<br>Republic Pregnancy Center            |
| Support National & Regional<br>PCCW Activities                 | Host Coffee & Donuts<br>after 8:00 Sunday Mass                |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry  | Collect pop tabs for<br>Ronald McDonald House                 |
| Collect Box Tops for Education                                 | Collect Campbell's Labels                                     |
| Collect Best Choice Barcodes for<br>Food Pantry                | ...and wherever else we are need-<br>ed to support the parish |

**If you cannot come to a meeting, but would like to help in any of the various activities, you would be most welcome! Please contact the parish office, or Marilyn Griffin (417-576-1506) or Bobbie Emery (417-209-4387) to volunteer!**

**Join us** for coffee, donuts & fellowship after the 8:00 Sunday morning Mass. Your donation helps make this possible.



Adult education classes are in session and are held each Sunday morning in the adult classroom in the Parish Hall during PSR time.  
This year's theme is:



You can still sign up! Simply join us in the classroom or contact Paula Foster by phone at 417-744-8523 or email at [fostersr8@att.net](mailto:fostersr8@att.net).

***Join us as we grow in faith together!***



**Next Meeting:**  
**Sunday, October 27, 6:00 pm**



**PSR CLASS SCHEDULE**

October 6  
October 13 (Safe Touches Lesson)  
October 20 (Family Gathered Session)  
October 27

**INVITATION:**

**Sat., Oct., 19** (9 a.m.-3 p.m. includes morning Mass) at Holy Trinity Parish in Springfield.

Everyone involved in faith formation and catechesis for the children and adults of our diocese is invited to attend the Diocesan Catechetical Conference. This includes all parents as the first and primary educators of the faith! The conference provides an opportunity for prayer, learning, discussion, and fellowship and features two prominent special guest speakers. The cost is only \$10 per person and includes lunch.

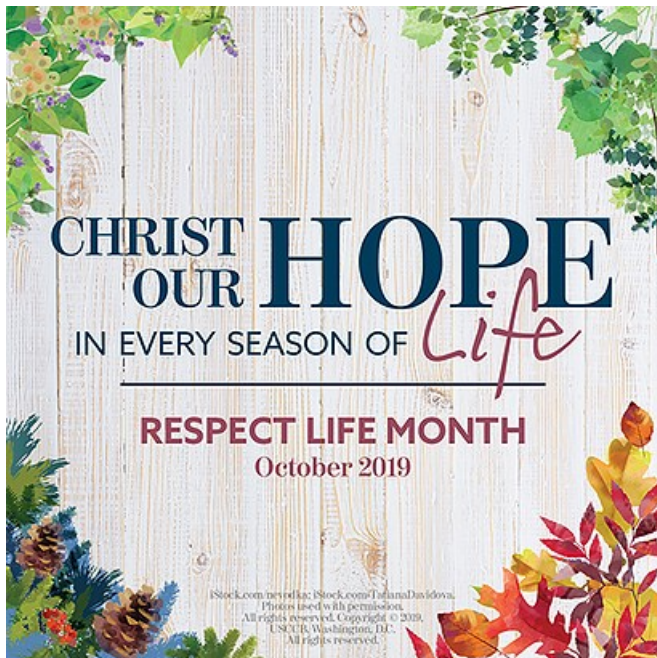


**KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD  
BE A WONDERFUL  
YOUTH LEADER?  
WE'D LOVE TO TALK WITH THEM!  
SHARE THEIR CONTACT INFO &  
WE'LL REACH OUT!**



The Rosary Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 10:00 am at 304 SE Madison Avenue, Unit 7, Billings. Rosary followed by coffee time. For more information, call Frank Urban, 417-365-2364





## Respect Life Reflection

### *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life*

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our

identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue “by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, 1817).

*“Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm.”*  
*Hebrews 6:18-19*

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, “God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end” (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know “they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness” (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that “the one who has hope lives differently” (SS 2). Christ’s promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

### Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future

*Read the full version at  
[respectlifeprogram.org/advance-directives](http://respectlifeprogram.org/advance-directives).*

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief. Yet some medical and legal documents used to define a patient’s future care can be harmful. No matter how well-crafted, they can’t predict all the possible scenarios and best courses of action. In each set of circumstances, we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient, without causing harm or disproportionate burdens. The safest option is to designate a health care agent to make decisions if you become incapable of doing so. It’s best to appoint a responsible, trustworthy person who understands and shares your Catholic values, and can apply them when the need arises.

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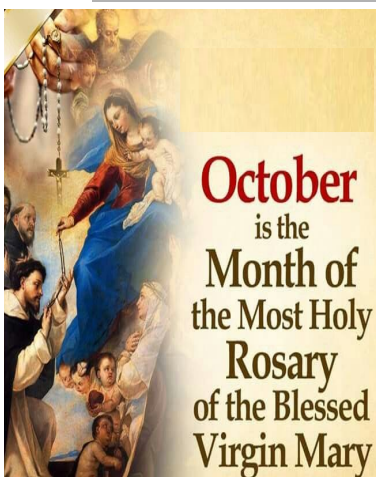
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# You've Got Mail

## PARISHIONERS!

**There is a special letter in the back of the church addressed to every parish family. Please take a moment to pick your letter up on your way home today and reserve a few moments to read it and reflect on its message. Additional information will be shared in the weeks ahead.**



### The Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

(the Battle of Lepanto was a naval engagement that took place on 7 October 1571 when a fleet of the Holy League, a coalition of European Catholic states arranged by Pope Pius V, inflicted a major defeat on the fleet of the Ottoman Empire in the Gulf of Patras. Ottoman Empire wanted to advance Islamic and territorial expansion to Western Europe.) The Holy Scriptures reveals to us that after the Blessed Virgin Mary had visited her cousin Elizabeth, she recited the Magnificat. One prophetic verse in that prayer still echoes today, "Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed." [Lk. 1:48] (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 971) The Holy Rosary fulfills the prophecy of those words, that the Blessed Virgin Mary shall be called blessed today as much as she was called blessed in the days that followed the glorious birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Because of Mary's singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and to entrust supplications and praises to her. (C.C.C. # 2682)

***Mary Mother of God Pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.***

## PROMISE TO PROTECT



**Are you employed by a Catholic parish or school? Do you regularly volunteer with minors?**

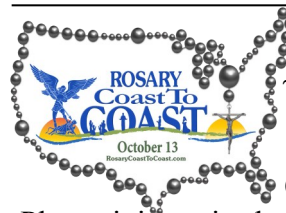
If the answer is yes to either of these questions, you should be aware of the diocesan safe environment requirements. The primary obligations for any employee and for all volunteers who work with minors are:

- Required to attend an adult safe environment training (VIRTUS)
- Required to sign a Background Disclosure and Authorization form which will allow the diocese to conduct a criminal background screening on you
- Required to sign a diocesan Code of Conduct every year that you are employed or actively volunteering. The Code of Conduct for 2019-2020 was released in July.

If you fall into one of the above categories and have not signed the 2019-2020 Code of Conduct, please contact the parish office or Bonnie King, PSR Coordinator. You may also contact Rosie Francka in the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection with any questions or concerns at 417-866-0841 or [rfrancka@dioscg.org](mailto:rfrancka@dioscg.org).

The forms are also available on the Office of Child and Youth Protection page of the Diocesan Website at <http://dioscg.org/index.php/about/child-youth-protection2/>

**Please return your completed form(s) to the parish office or Bonnie King by Sunday, October 13.**



**~ Please join us in the 2019 Rosary Coast-to-Coast ~  
Event Details:**

October 13, 2019; Time: 2pm 3pm  
Please join us in the 2019 Rosary Coast-to-Coast, Sun., Oct. 13, 2 p.m., in front of Planned Parenthood, 626 E. Battlefield, Springfield. We will be reciting the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. In The Secret of the Rosary, St. Louis de Montfort said, "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." For more information, contact Mark Kiser, (417) 983-5817, or email [thkise66@yahoo.com](mailto:thkise66@yahoo.com)

## Fall Bazaar & Craft Show

### ST. AGNES WANTS VENDORS

Vendors are wanted for St. Agnes' Annual Bazaar, Nov. 2 & 3. If you have a craft or business or know of anyone who does, they would love to have you spend the weekend with them. Please spread the word. The more, the merrier. For more information contact Judy Hauschildt at [judyhauschildt@gmail.com](mailto:judyhauschildt@gmail.com), or (641) 751-6632.





**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**  
**AND MOST OTHER BILLINGS BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES ARE**  
**PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT!**  
**ALL PARISHIONERS AND PARISH ORGANIZATIONS ARE**  
**ENCOURAGED TO BE A PART OF THE FUN!**

***What is Trunk or Treat you ask?***

It's like trick or treat without the house! Families decorate their vehicle's trunks and children walk around and receive treats from each trunk. It's safe and family friendly!

**We Need your Trunk!**

Decorate your trunk any way you like! You can go with a Halloween theme, sports, Biblical, animals, etc. You can express your creativity as simply or elaborately as you wish, just nothing too spooky or gruesome, please!

**Bring your friends! Dress up in your favorite costume!**

Confirm your participation today by turning in the form below or simply call the parish office at 744-2490. Parking Lot space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

**RULES**

- Costumes are not required, but are highly encouraged to add to the fun
- Vehicles & costumes must not be of an offensive manner theme. Keep decorations "kid friendly"
- Bring a treat bag or container & enough pre-packaged candy, toys, or other items for 200 treaters.
- If you run out of goodies, simply close your trunk.
- Parking spaces will not be pre-assigned, but you may team up with another family!
- Decorator spaces are limited-first come first served-register early!
- Businesses or groups allowed one sign on/near the vehicle for advertising & outreach purposes.
- If unable to attend, please support the event by donating candy for our decorators. Drop off by Oct. 18.
- Vehicle set up is from 2:00-4:30 on October 31. Can be a trunk of a car, bed of truck, etc. Tear-down from 7:00-8:00 pm
- Vehicles must be completely decorated (which can include the space directly in front of the vehicle) & in place by 4:30.
- Simple games are also acceptable.
- Electricity not provided.
- No open flames, fireworks, or flammable liquids
- For safety, cars must be turned off for the duration of the event and will not be allowed to move from the event area until 7:30 pm. No alcohol, smoking or pets on premise.
- Please inquire with special requests.

**Registration Form: Please return to the Parish Office by Friday, October 18**

**Name:**

Decorators need not be parishioners but should be known to & invited by a parishioner

**Email Address:**

**How will you be joining the fun?**

- I would love to be a trunk decorator and will be bringing \_\_\_\_ # of treaters.
- I will not be a decorator but will be bringing \_\_\_\_ # of treaters.
- I would be happy to donate \_\_\_\_ # bags of candy for our decorators.

**ST. JOSEPH**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**

