



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

October 27, 2019

30th 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 ~ 2nd Saturday monthly

PARISH COUNCIL

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

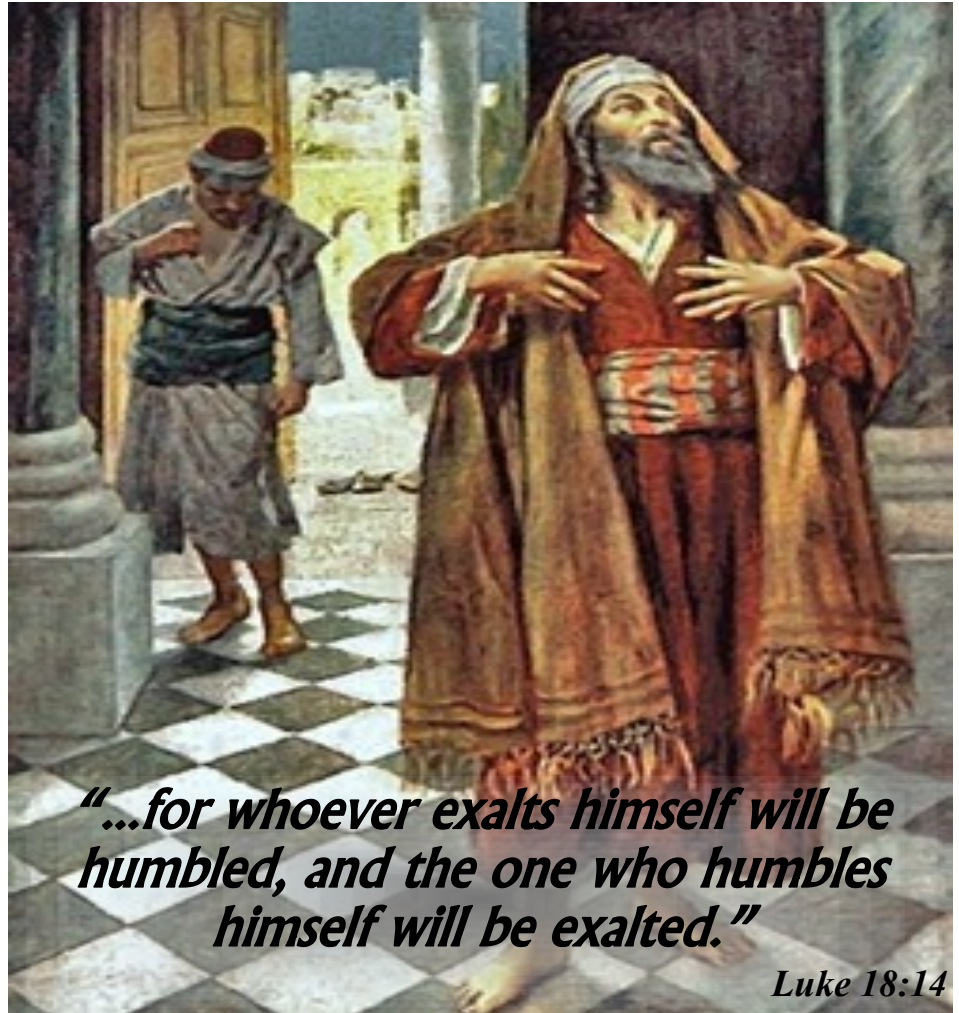
Meets quarterly—Feb, May, Aug & Nov
 Randall Moots, Chairman
 (417) 848-6196

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



“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14

- * **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



From the Pastor on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Theme: God Hears a Humble Prayer

The first reading today is from the book of Sirach, one of the Wisdom books. This book teaches us among other things: **God has no favorites, the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds and will reach its goal.**

We can compare this to the Gospel today from Saint Luke which presents us with two people, both praying. The first person tells God all that he has done that is good. The other simply tells God that he is a sinner. The sinner is heard.

There is so much fear today of admitting that we are sinners or about defining ourselves as sinners. We would rather be known as children of God, as those loved by God. Both ways of looking at us are true. On the other hand, although we are children of God and loved by God, we are not faithful to Him and do not respond to His love. He never rejects us. Both descriptions of us are true and yet from our side, truly we are only sinners and merit nothing and that is a truth from which we should not hide.

We can always rejoice that He loves us, that He invites us to share His life, that He constantly reaches out to us no matter how many times we turn away. We need to have that confidence in Him. Yet we should never be ashamed to admit: I am a sinner and unworthy of His love.

What a miracle that He loves us! What infinite compassion He has towards us! What tender mercy He shows to us!

The second Letter to Timothy gives us the perspective of Saint Paul: I have kept in the race, I have persevered, I trust in the Lord. The race is simply to live our life here on earth with this total trust in God, no matter how often we fail or turn aside. We know the truth of this life: God loves us. We know the path of this life: love of God and love of our neighbor, especially our enemy. We know that He will always give us the strength to believe if we only ask Him.

Today, God invites us to see ourselves as we are. The more humbly we live, the more confidence we have in His love and compassion. Let us take the time today to pray as did the tax collector:

“Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

God be with you till we meet again
Neath His wings securely hide you
Daily manna still provide you
God be with you till we meet again

This is Father Augustine's final weekend celebrating Sunday Mass with us. His final weekday Mass will be this Tuesday, October 29, at 8:00 am.

Thank you, Father Augustine, for your sacrifice and service at St. Joseph's. Thank you for your wise counsel and words of encouragement. Thank you for the homilies you preach and the prayers you lift up. Thank you for the seeds you plant and disciples you nurture. Thank you for the early morning Masses and the late evening meetings. Thank you for your friendship and love. You will be dearly missed until we meet again.

PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY

PARISH POTLUCK

Join us **today** Sunday, October 27, at 12:00 pm as we celebrate and honor Father Augustine's ministry and friendship and take this final opportunity to say a fond farewell before his departure for Tanzania on Tuesday afternoon.

Please bring your favorite dish to share. The parish will provide fried chicken.



Jim Laban, Matt Schneider, Linda Porterfield, Mark Brown, Rita Hickman, 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 Wetzel, Martha Peters, Mary Perry, Sarah Villareal, Patricia Caviness, James Mohler, Curtis Whitlow, Harper Brashears, Regina Giles, Raymond Mehl, Trey Hart, Eva Conyer, Ryan Blankenship, Joseph Lawrence, Donice Barrett, Janice Gill, Meghan Foster, Nancy & Wayne Clemmons, Leasha Bear, Barbara Davis, Pat Hutton, 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, Elaina Wetz **Stateside:** Shelby Andrus, Chris Batchman, Jason Boyer, Vaughn Brown, Kirsten Davis, Chelsey Eudy, Tyler Eudy, Dakota Harter, Alexandria Stimpson, Clayton Taylor, Austin Williams



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
Nov 1	8:00 am 8:00 & 6:00	First Friday Devotions Holy Day of Obligation—Solemnity of all Saints Parish Office Closed
Nov 2	10:00 am	First Saturday Rosary
Nov 3 & 4	All Masses	Second Collection-St. Vincent de Paul
Nov 9	7:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Day
Nov 10	All Masses	Second Collection-Maintenance
Nov 16	After 4:00 Mass	PCCW Soup Fundraiser & "Life of St. Francis" PSR Program
Nov 16 & 17	All Masses	Second Collection—Archdiocese of the Military Services
Nov 23 & 24	All Masses	Second Collection—Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri



	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Lisa Gardner	Dustin Bobbitt	Bonnie King
EUCARIST MINISTERS	Teresa Hanafin Kelly Harter Teresa Fabro	Dustin Bobbitt Beverly Baker Whitney Griffin	Bonnie King Mike King Trish Bramer Joe Sciarrino
SERVERS	Julia Radtke Nicole Radtke	Gabbie Glaser	Hayden Mitchell
GIFTS	Volunteers	Larry & Janice Fabro	Trish Bramer Jerri Mehl
USHERS	Chris Sellers Debby Clutter	Larry Fabro Dustin Bobbitt	Jimmie Butler Joel Butler
COUNTERS	Julie Wolfe, Diane Dickey		



Tue — 8:00 am	✠	Debbie Stever Huffman
Wed — 8:00 am		No Mass
Thu — 8:00 am		No Mass
Fri — 8:00 am 6:00 pm	✠ ✠	Teresa Harter Jaquelin Isidor
Sat — 4:00 pm		Ben Komadina
Sun — 8:00 am	✠	Theresa Palazzolo
Sun — 10:30 am	✠	D. Patricia Mehl



OCTOBER 20, 2019

Regular Envelopes	\$1,155	Loose	\$355
Candles	\$8	Maintenance	\$500
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20	World Mission	\$461
Mass Offering	\$50	EFT	\$630



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 November 30.

Support a Soldier Wish List

Treats: Beef jerky, gum, mints, trail mix, nuts, Skittles (no chocolate), instant soup, microwave popcorn, drink mix (Snapple, Kool-Aid), energy bars, Ramen noodles, instant coffee & cocoa, tea bags, powdered creamer.

Toiletries: Toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer, lotion floss, deodorant, Kleenex (small packs), fingernail clippers, nail files, lip gloss, sunscreen, body wash, cotton swabs, toothbrushes, shaving cream, eye drops, aspirin, moleskin, medicated foot powder

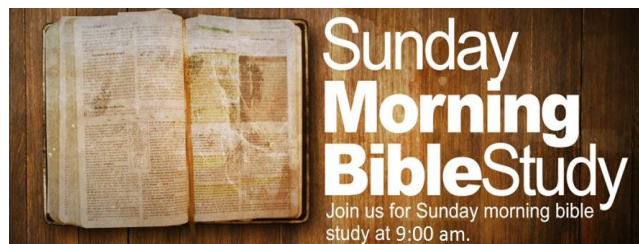
Gift cards: Amazon, iTunes, phone cards

Clothing: cotton socks, underwear

Entertainment: Sudoku, puzzle books, comic books, magazines, disposable cameras, writing materials (paper, pens, pencils, stamps, envelopes), paperback books.

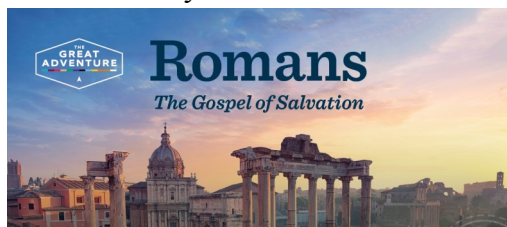
Note: Do not send anything that would offend people of the Islamic faith, including pork or pork by-products, obscene material, religious materials contrary to Islam, anything depicting nude or semi-nude persons, pornographic or sexual items, alcohol, or nonauthorized political materials.

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:



New students are welcome anytime! Simply join us in the classroom or contact Paula Foster by phone at 417-744-8523 or email at fostersr8@att.net.

Join us as we grow in faith together!

St. Joseph's MEN'S CLUB

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

Meeting this Sunday!
October 27, 6:00 pm



PSR CLASS SCHEDULE

October 27

November 3

November 10

November 17 — Confirmation Class Only

November 24

Special Dates of Note:

- November 2, 10:00-1:00, First Reconciliation Retreat at Holy Trinity in Aurora
- November 16, 5:00 pm, "Life of St. Francis" PSR Program



**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





The St. Joseph Finance Committee has analyzed our current status for the ongoing vision of maintaining our ministry services offered to our parishioners and our aging church and parish school/hall. As we head into 2020 and beyond, it is important we manage our finances well to ensure our parish remains viable for future generations.

This, however, may prove to be a difficult task given that in the last ten years our parish has only seen 1% growth in membership. Current registration is 189 families and 407 members. Additionally, as previously shared in the bulletin, 2019 parish operational income was \$201,972 and operational expenses of \$194,513. If not for a one-time bequest of \$10,633 received, we would have ended FY 2019 with a \$3,174 shortfall.

In reviewing expenses, no major outstanding expenses were deemed to be out of control. In fact, with respect to payroll and benefits, we pay less having a missionary priest than if we had a diocesan priest which would require our parish to pay for his health benefits, car, cell phone, etc. Should this change, we could easily expect to see an increase in expenses of up to an additional \$10,000.

We do have an established trust fund with the diocese for use on major repairs for the church. This was the case with the necessary replacement of the air conditioning unit in 2018. The trust fund saw its highest balance of \$97,450 in 2011. However, constant repairs to the church since then leaves the fund at \$43,931. None of the withdrawals have been replenished.

In doing projections out, there are more costly projects for the parish on the horizon namely, a new roof for the school/hall, kitchen repairs/upgrade, furnace repairs/replacement, basement flooding repairs, and parking lot repairs. This is what we are aware of now, but we must be ever ready for other unexpected surprises like we experienced with the August storm resulting in significant rectory damage and expenses not covered by insurance.

How can we work together to proactively prepare to live our vision of sustaining and preserving our parish's legacy for the future?

The answer is stewardship! While we usually only speak of stewardship in terms of Time, Talent and Treasure, the truth is that stewardship involves all of life—body, mind and spirit, our material possessions, friendships, etc. All we are and have is a gift from our Creator for us to use wisely to build up God's kingdom here on earth.

Our Condolences

We regret to inform you that Father Rahab Isidor's brother, Jaquelin Maxime Isidor, died unexpectedly in Haiti on Sunday, October 20. His passing has also had an adverse effect on Fr. Rahab's elderly mother who became unconscious and has been hospitalized in Haiti. Please keep Father Rahab, his mother, and their entire family in your prayers at this difficult time.



Father Rahab served as Parochial Administrator at this parish from 2009-2010.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



As of this coming Tuesday, October 29, weekday Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am on Tuesdays only until further notice. The weekend Mass schedule will remain unchanged. Father Fergus Monaghan (retired) will be our weekend celebrant until a pastor is officially appointed at St. Joseph's.



Join Us For Trunk *or* Treat



October 31st
5:00-7:00 PM

HERE AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARKING LOT
SIGN UP YOUR CAR TODAY!

KIDS, COME TRUNK OR TREAT WITH
US HALLOWEEN NIGHT!

(A PART OF HALLOWEEN ON ELM ST—
A BILLINGS COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT)

CHRIST OUR **HOPE**
IN EVERY SEASON OF *Life*
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2019

Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

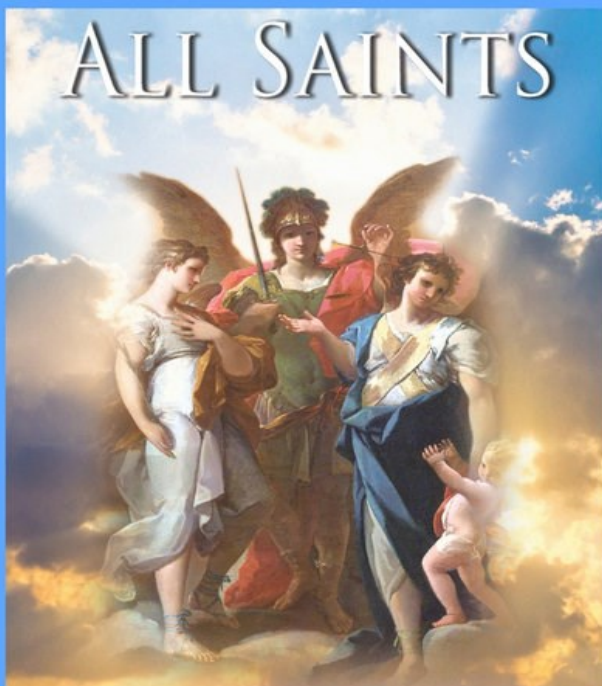
Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations.

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God. Our journey with Christ includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments at the end of life. While no summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, one thing is clear: we are entrusted by God with the gift of life. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. Those who are sick should not be alone, and, even after death, accompaniment continues by praying for those who have passed.

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ALL SAINTS DAY

is a Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, November 1

Mass Time at St. Joseph is
8:00 am and 6:00 pm
Parish Office is closed November 1

FREE Safe Trick or Treat Event for All Ages



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The Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network

MOCAN Registration Drive Today: Today you have an opportunity to become a member of the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network (MOCAN) of the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC), the official public policy agency of the Catholic Church in Missouri. Through this network, Catholics across Missouri work together to pass legislation that protects the sanctity and dignity of all human life and promotes the common good. As a MOCAN member, you will receive email updates and alerts on issues important to the Catholic faith. Participation is free. You may register to become a MOCAN member by texting MOCAN to 50457 or by filling out the MOCAN Enrollment Form below which you can return in the collection basket or mail directly to: Missouri Catholic Conference, PO Box 1022, Jefferson City, MO 65102.



Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network (MOCAN) Enrollment Form

Acting together through MOCAN, Catholics work to advance the common good by protecting the unborn, assisting the poor, and promoting quality education for all school children. Through the years, the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) has had many successes, such as enacting a ban on partial birth abortions, expanding A+ Scholarships to include private school students, and raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction for young offenders. But the MCC is only effective if Catholics actively participate in MOCAN. Registration and participation in the network is free. Members receive regular email updates and alerts on pending issues and legislation. The Missouri Catholic Conference puts network members in touch with their legislators when key votes are pending.

Services for MOCAN members include:

- **MCC Weekly Update:** a weekly e-newsletter packed with the latest legislative and Catholic news
- **Action Alerts:** we'll notify you when we need you to contact your elected officials about pending legislation. (You can send the message we've drafted with one click, or add your own personal story.)
- **Good News:** a bimonthly newsletter that typically focuses on a legislative issue.
- **Strict protection of your information,** which will not be shared with any other organization.

MOCAN



Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network Enrollment Form

please print legibly

Prefix _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

I am interested in the following issues:

☐ **Respect for Life** (the unborn, pregnancy support, bioethics, end-of-life care and guidance, death penalty)

☐ **Family Life** (marriage, adoption, family/work issues)

☐ **Education** (Catholic, public and home school)

☐ **Social Concerns** (poverty, health care, immigration, criminal justice)

☐ **All of the above**

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