



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Parish Office 417-744-2490; stjosephbillinmo@aol.com

November 3, 2019
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: Tuesday 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 8:30-4:00


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

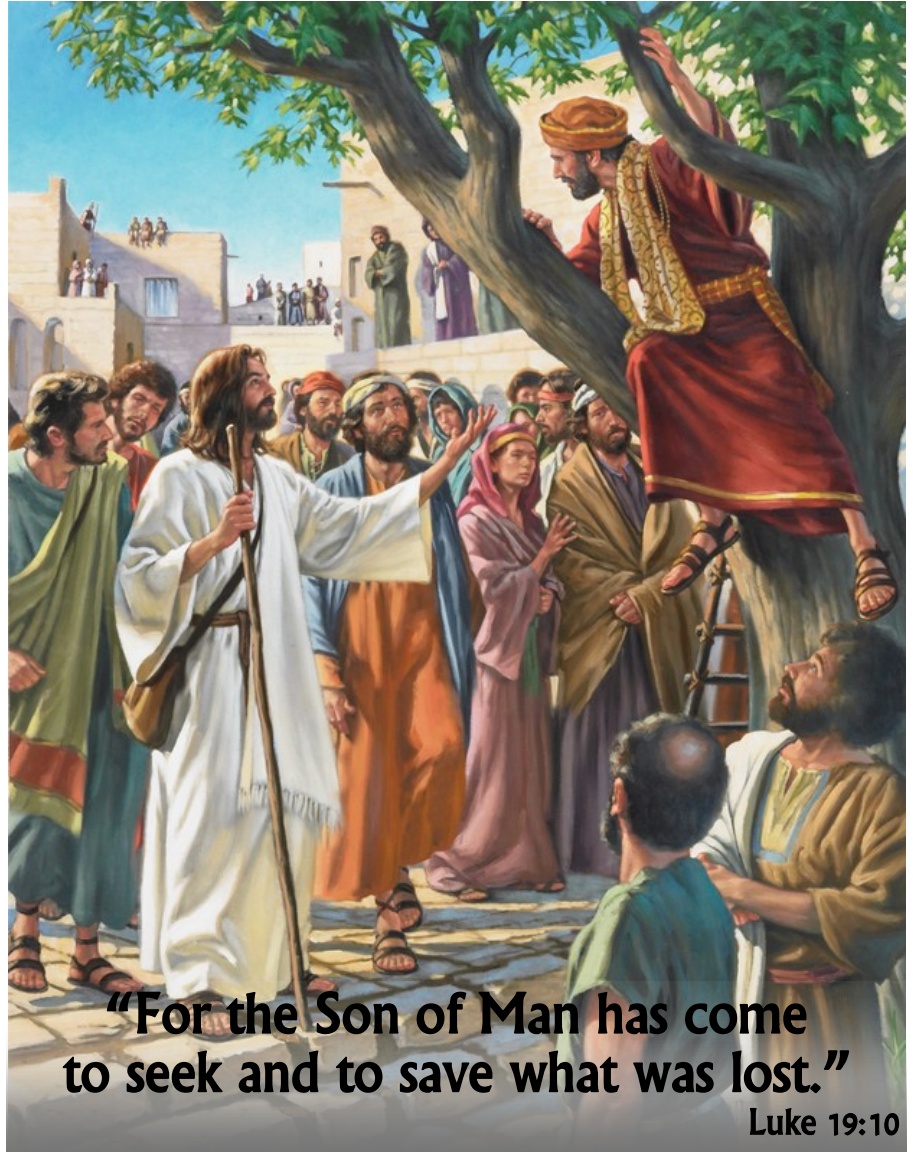
Meets quarterly—Feb, May, Aug & Nov
Randall Moots, Chairman
(417) 848-6196

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 the Son of Man has come
to seek and to save what was lost.”**

Luke 19:10

- * **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



The Lord is Gracious and Merciful

"Produce or perish" is a rule in the business world. Applied to university professors, it reads, "Publish or perish!" The guiding principle behind these sayings is that managers should produce. If they fail, they are ruthlessly pushed aside. When they get older and their productivity decreases, they face the same fate if they have not protected themselves somehow. Big business, capitalism, is often as ruthless and ugly as communism. A person is like a machine that either

operates or is dumped on a trash heap. This is what humankind often make of God's wonderful world!

How does the maker of the universe look at his creation? He has designed human beings as his coworkers. In a sacred partnership, called covenant, we must work on a better society together with God. We are God's managers on this planet. But how does God look at those who ostensibly fail: dope addicts, prostitutes, criminals, dropouts of society? If he regarded them as "good for nothing," why would he not get rid of them!

Today's readings treat this issue. We should learn patience and mercy and try to preserve a person-to-person relationship also in business.

**Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am
on Tuesdays only until further notice.
The weekend Mass schedule remains unchanged.**



**Welcome Father Fergus Monaghan!
Thank you for celebrating Sunday Mass with us
at St. Joseph's!**

**Thank you all so much...
Goodbye...**

Thank you again to all of you for your continued prayers, cards, gifts, and for the delicious lunch in honor of Priest's Appreciation Day. As I leave for Tanzania, I carry St. Joseph's community with me.

If you want to keep in touch, here is my e-mail: kiria03@yahoo.com.

Please continue praying for me as I assure you of my prayers for you!

God bless you!

—Father Augustine



Todd Nicholson, Teresa Mehl, 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, Agnes Hayward, Susanna Pinkley, Heidi & Don Carpenter, 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



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 11	Parish Office Closed	VETERANS DAY
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
Nov 27-29	Parish Office Closed	HAPPY Thanksgiving
Dec 1	All Masses	Second Collection-St. Vincent de Paul
Dec 3	6:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Dec 6	8:00 am	First Friday Devotions



	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Chuck Hubbert	Judith Stander	Andrea Butler
EUCARIST MINISTERS	Chuck Hubbert Danny Garbee Bill Meisenheimer	Taylor Waller Julie Wolfe Chad Griffin	Andrea Butler Carole Brown Paula Noviello Rosario Hedgpeth
SERVERS	Elizabeth Hubbert Cate Hubbert	Lexie Reeves	Jack Hedgpeth
GIFTS	Volunteers	Sean Chastain Family	Jimmie Butler Family
USHERS	Chris Sellers Debby Clutter	Larry Fabro Dustin Bobbitt	Jimmie Butler Joel Butler
COUNTERS	Chad & Whitney Griffin		



Tue — 8:00 am	✠	Joe Mike Mehl
Sat — 4:00 pm	✠	Bill Schatz Msgr. John J. Rynish
Sun — 8:00 am	✠	Howard & Lucille Hollars
Sun — 10:30 am	✠	Joe Mike Mehl, Jr. & son, Zachary

PARISH Support			
OCTOBER 27, 2019			
Regular Envelopes	\$1,499	Loose	\$400
Candles	\$26	Maintenance	\$30
St. Vincent de Paul	\$55	World Mission	\$25



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.



THANKSGIVING FOOD & GOODS SHOWER FOR THE SISTERS

detergent; laundry detergent, paper goods (napkins, tissues, paper towels, bath tissue), personal hygiene items (body wash/soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, hand/body lotion, deodorant, etc), canned goods including soups, vegetables (spinach, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, green beans), cranberry sauce, canned meats, canned fish, powdered or canned milk, fruit juices, jams & jellies, peanut butter, dried fruits, nuts, hot chocolate, oatmeal and other cooking cereal, instant coffee, cookies, etc. **No candy, please.**

GIFT CARDS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Our parish is hosting a Thanksgiving Food & Goods Shower to benefit the Sisters.

Donation items may be placed through Thanksgiving in the marked box outside of the Parish office.

Suggested items:
dishwashing

St. Joseph's MEN'S CLUB

FAITH. FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

Next Meeting:
November 24, 6:00 pm



PSR CLASS SCHEDULE

November 3
November 10
November 17 — Confirmation Class Only
November 24
December 1 — No Class

Special Date to Note:

- **November 16, 5:00 pm, "Life of St. Francis" PSR Program**



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 ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry dedicate their time and prayers to make prayer shawls or lap covers for those who are in ill health. If you know someone who would enjoy receiving a prayer shawl or lap cover, please contact the Prayer Shawl Ministry through the PCCW or Joanne Verfurth, 744-2911.

WEEKDAY MASS
8:00 AM
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5





How can you make an impact now?

If you are currently not contributing in the parish offering and/or Maintenance Reserve Fund, prayerfully consider supporting the parish with a weekly or monthly gift. Currently, only 32.8% of our registered families support the church financially. If the remaining non-participating families contributed just \$6 per week--the cost of a McDonald's Big Mac Value Meal--it would result in an additional \$39,000 in revenue for our parish.

If you are already contributing in the parish offering, first of all, thank you! Secondly, please consider increasing your gift by just \$6 per week. Doing so would result in up to \$19,344 in new income.

Consider contributing through Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) to easily and automatically draft your monthly donation in lieu of using weekly envelopes. Funding tends to fluctuate monthly based on attendance at mass. Donations received through EFT can be consistently relied upon to help meet monthly expenses.

The key to understanding how God wants us to give to the Church is found in 1 Corinthians 16:2, *"On the first day of the week [Sunday] each of you should set aside whatever he can afford,"* and again in 2 Corinthians 9:5-8, *"So I thought it necessary to encourage the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for your promised gift [donation], so that in this way it might be ready as a bountiful gift and not as an exaction. Consider this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."*

Actively volunteer within the parish. Currently, 20.6% of our active registered parishioners volunteer in some capacity with many individuals volunteering in multiple ministries.

Participate in parish fundraising activities such as SummerFest. This event last year returned \$7,500 to the repair and maintenance fund. All funds raised remain for the direct benefit of the parish. Your assistance selling raffle tickets to your friends and family and inviting them to attend adds to the success of this parish.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

Bring a friend with you to Mass and talk to your non-Catholic friends about the blessings of your faith and walk with Christ. More members in our parish family is a mutually beneficial blessing.

"So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

Committing to a parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school or community organization. Just like you want the parish to be there to provide Masses, Sacraments, education programs and ministries, the parish needs to be able to count on you to help and assist in their mission; to be an active member.

By registering in the parish, you made a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish. As parish members, we are all here to help each other on our spiritual journey; we don't want to do this alone. As much as you need your parish, your parish needs you too!

We buy insurance for our homes, cars, and even our cell phones to protect us against an emergency. Your contributions of time, talent and treasure to our parish is insurance for our parish's future to help sustain our parish for generations to come.

"He who confers benefits will be amply enriched, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25

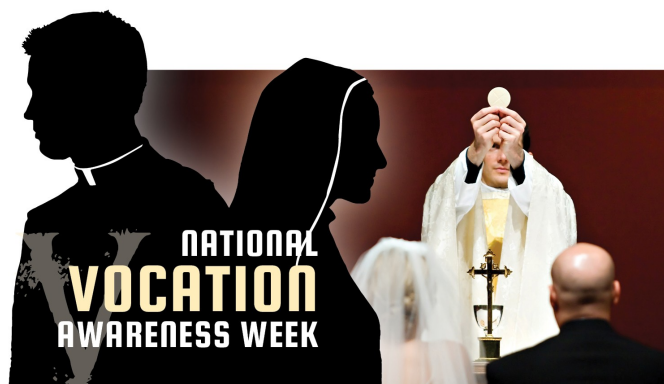


MOCAN



The Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network

Did you register to become a MOCAN member? The Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network (MOCAN) of the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) is the official public policy agency of the Catholic Church in Missouri. Through this network, Catholics work together to advance public policies that assist the poor and protect all human life from conception until natural death. Did you sign up? If not, you still can by texting MOCAN to 50457, visiting www.mocatholic.org, or completing the MOCAN Enrollment Form located in the back of the church.



National Vocations Awareness Week, November 3-9

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your

life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or consecrated life.

REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

Each November, as we pray for all our beloved dead, we remember in a special way the deceased benefactors of St. Joseph's Parish. These are the people who for the past 136 years, through gifts both large and small, have made it possible for us to carry out our mission of prayer and service in the community.

The generous bequests of parishioners and friends are critical to fulfilling the mission of St. Joseph Parish. St. Joseph provides outreach and pastoral support to many who live on the edge of poverty and loneliness. These bequests also support the maintenance of our beautiful church and grounds. Remembering the Church in your estate planning says something about what we mean in your life; it's a way to ensure that the community you value will continue into the future; and it's a way to leave an incredible legacy to those who will come after you.

Remember God's Will in Yours



You can take care of your family and your church through your will!

You can express your commitment to your church by making a bequest to St. Joseph's Parish.

Simply include the following statement in your will:

"I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Billings, Missouri, to be used or disposed of as an unrestricted gift for its general purposes."

For more information, contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at 417-744-2490, stjosephbillingsmo@aol.com, PO Box 100, Billings, MO 65610. All potential donors are advised to consult with their attorney or professional advisor to determine