



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## PARISH LEADERSHIP

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Teresa Hanafin . . . . . RCIA Director  
Anneliese Reeves . . . . . Music Minister  
Paula Foster . . . . . Custodian  
Tim Potthoff . . . . . Pastoral Council President  
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417-988-4500

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, 8:00 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 9:00 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

Anne Hickman

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)



SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2



Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy, but necessary.

A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices, we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

God bless you and remain blessed!

*Fr. Shoby*





Ron McKay, Bill Meisenheimer, Kris Booth, Susan Mitchell, Shirley Day, John Nicholson, Glenn Pibbs, Irma Carlini, Jerri Mehl, Jerry Langley, Jim Laban, Pam Gideon, Opal Mowry, Kurt & Bettye Boswell, Patty Hicker, Ernie Moentnisch, Alvin Moentnisch, Frank Urban, Ty Laney, Vicki Lemler, Jim Verfurth, Robin Love, Wayne & Harlene Harter, Ruth Clark, Wally Wetzel, Patricia Caviness, Teresa Mehl, Catherine Mehl, Raymond Mehl, Trey Hart, Janice Gill, Pat Hutton, Ed & Barbara Zahner, Ron Cafourek, Raymond Garbee, Agnes Hayward, Heidi & Don Carpenter, Dale Lear, Juanita Steinbaugh, Steve Netzer, Ted & Alice Verfurth, Miles Emerson, Jean Hendricks, Butch Hendricks, Joe Elwood, Floyd Burger, end to abortion & 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 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**

**Stateside:** Robert Alsup, Chris Batchman, Jason Boyer, Kirsten Davis, Chelsey Eudy, Alex Stimpson, Clayton Taylor, Elaina Wetz, Austin Williams

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAY 8 & 9

|               | 4:00 pm                      | 8:00 am                       | 10:30 am                     |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>LECTOR</b> | Mary Kisby                   | Tim Potthoff                  | Bryan Crockett               |
| <b>SERVER</b> | Missy Monroe                 | Volunteer                     | Volunteer                    |
| <b>USHERS</b> | Debby Clutter<br>& Volunteer | Larry Fabro<br>Dustin Bobbitt | Jimmie Butler<br>Joel Butler |

## Church EVENTS

|           |                           |   |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|
| May 1     | 7:30-10:30 am<br>10:00 am | St. Joseph Cemetery Clean-Up<br>Evelyn Landis Funeral Mass                |
| May 1 & 2 | All Masses<br>10:30 am    | DDF Weekend<br>2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Pantry<br>May Crowning |
| May 5     | 7:00 pm                   | Adoration   |
| May 7     | 8:00 am                   | First Friday Mass & Devotions   |
| May 8     | 7:30 am                   | St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Day  |
| May 8 & 9 | All Masses                | 2nd Collection: Maintenance Reserve Fund<br>Mother's Day Blessing         |
| May 9     | 12:00 pm                  | Fr. Shoby's Anniversary Lunch   |
| May 12    | 7:00 pm                   | Adoration   |

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**MAY 4-9**

|                |                                  |                 |                             |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Tue<br>8:00 am | †Herman Breier                   | Sat<br>4:00 pm  | †Sharon Kisby<br>Carlberg   |
| Wed<br>8:00 am | †Jeff Verfurth                   | Sun<br>8:00 am  | Fr. Shoby's<br>Intentions   |
| Thu<br>8:00 am | May Anniversaries<br>& Birthdays | Sun<br>10:30 am | Parish Family<br>Intentions |
| Fri<br>8:00 am | †Jim & Donna<br>Gentry           |                 |                             |



**April 25**

**Weekly Env: \$2,236 Plate: \$83 Maintenance: \$76 Candles: \$38**

*Special Collections:*

Pantry: \$225 Mirror: \$15 Missions: \$438 Lenten Youth Proj: \$167

**SUPPORT  
OUR  
PARISH**

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



**SUNDAY, MAY 16, 10:30 AM**

**Sewardship**  
Prayer - Participation - Generosity  
A Disciples Way of Life

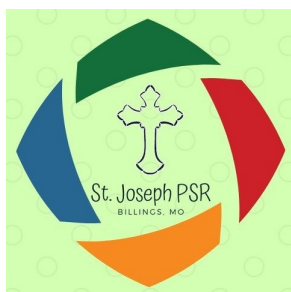
*The good steward lives the advice of St. John,  
loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.*

*Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament*



*"Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to  
your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life  
that you seek." - Pope St. John Paul II*

*Every  
Wednesday  
evening at  
7:00*



## MAY SCHEDULE

May 2—Family Gathered Session  
May 9—Class  
May 16—Last Class

## SAVE THE DATE!

PSR students, teachers and their families are invited to an end-of-the-year picnic immediately

following the 10:30 a.m. "Mass on the Grass" on May 16. We'll have hotdogs, chips, and other goodies and fun.



## ALL ABOARD!

June 13-17, 2021, 6:00-8:30 p.m.  
VBS (Vacation Bible School)  
is rolling into

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and we're on board!

Please see the information board in the vestibule and pick up a registration form to sign up as a student or volunteer.

(This is a great service hours opportunity!)

Turn in registration forms to the parish office by May 19.  
Questions? Contact Tracy Radtke, 417-343-3300.



## ST. JOSEPH PCCW TO HOST MEETING OF DEANERY II's COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

**Save the date: Thursday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.**

The meeting will begin with the celebration of Mass at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting follows in the Parish Hall including special guest speaker Mary Jackson, Director of the Republic Pregnancy Resource Center and St. Joseph's parishioner. Also speaking will be a Peace Corps volunteer.

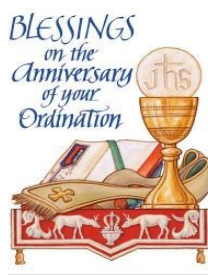
## TRAVELING STATUE OF OUR LADY:

You will notice this special statue on display upon Mary's altar. This is a 40-year tradition in Deanery II's Council of Catholic Women and serves as a reminder to pray for the success of the DCCW. It will remain in our parish until the June 10 DCCW meeting.

## PCCW COLLECTING BABY FORMULA

The PCCW is collecting Similac Powdered Baby Formula for the Republic Pregnancy Resource Center as a part of the Deanery II Council of Catholic Women's quarterly project which is dedicated to infants.

Donations may be placed in the box by the parish office.



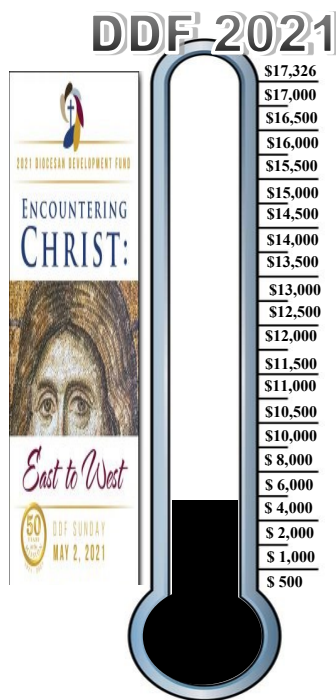
## PARISH LUNCH & CARD SHOWER CELEBRATING FATHER SHOBY

Father Shoby will celebrate his 15th anniversary of ordination into the priesthood next Sunday, May 9. We will celebrate with him as a parish family through a parish-wide lunch & card shower that day beginning at 12:00 p.m.

After more than a year due to the pandemic, this will be our first parish-wide meal and an additional opportunity to officially "welcome" him as our pastor.

A basket will be in the vestibule & parish hall to place your cards of congratulations and well-wishes. The parish and PCCW will provide all the food, so only your attendance is requested as we recognize this wonderful milestone for Father Shoby!

## IT'S DDF WEEKEND! MAY 1 & 2



The Diocesan Development Fund appeal is vital to the life of the Church in southern Missouri. This effort is conducted in every parish of the diocese to help finance the activities and ministries of the Catholic Church in southern Missouri.

Our parish goal is \$17,326. We need your help in order to be successful. Please be generous and complete and return your DDF pledge card by next Sunday if you are not able to do so this weekend.

We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.



## CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

This Saturday, May 1—  
7:30-10:30 am

Honor your loved ones spending their eternal rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery by participating in our annual clean-up day this Saturday, May 1. Volunteers should meet at the cemetery on St. Joseph Road between 7:30-8:00 a.m. Please bring your own leaf rake. If raining, the clean-up will be the following Saturday, May 8. The parish will provide water, coffee & donuts for all participants.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED IN ALL PARISH BULLETINS TWICE ANNUALLY:

*Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-3738 or for suspected or known abuse of adults to the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210, and may also be reported to law enforcement agencies.*

*All diocesan personnel are required to also report violations of The Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers of the Diocese, Parishes, and Schools to the Diocese Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841 or [childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org](mailto:childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org).*

*Concerns may be discussed with your supervisor, the Diocese Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, or a Victim Assistance Coordinator. Violations and concerns may also be reported using the TIPS online reporting system, accessible through the Diocese webpage, [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org).*

*Failure to Report is a Class A Misdemeanor for a person who is required under the law to report. Filing a False Report is also a Class A Misdemeanor.*

*To view the Safe Environment Policy and Procedures, the Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers and for other important information, including a link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's document, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, go to: <http://dioscg.org/index.php/about/child-youth-protection2/>*

*If you are unable to access the website or desire printed information, contact the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841.*

#### 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

TO OUR FIRST TIME  
VISITORS, YOU'LL  
FIND WE ARE A  
WELCOMING, FRIENDLY  
PARISH COMMUNITY.



AND TO OUR  
PARISHIONERS:  
PLEASE REMEMBER  
THAT, IF YOU  
SHOULD FIND  
AN UNFAMILIAR  
CAR IN YOUR  
FAVORITE  
PARKING PLACE.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

### Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

### Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.