



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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 417-988-4500
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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

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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 ~ 2nd 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



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17



God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package.

God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love for which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

God bless you and remain blessed!

Fr. Shoby



Vaughn Mikeworth, Ron McKay, Bill Meisenheimer, Kris Booth, Susan Mitchell, Shirley Day, John Nicholson, Glenn Phibbs, 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, 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 15 & 16

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Chuck Hubbert	Judith Stander	Youth
SERVER	Alice Farmer	Bobbie Emery	Jack Hedgpeth
USHERS	Debby Clutter & Volunteer	Larry Fabro Dustin Bobbitt	Youth

Church EVENTS

May 8 & 9	All Masses	2nd Collection: Maintenance Reserve Fund Mother's Day Blessing
May 9	12:00 pm	Fr. Shoby's Anniversary Lunch
May 12	7:00 pm	Adoration
May 16	9:10 am 10:30 am	Final PSR Class for 2020-21 year Mass on the Grass (no 8:00 Mass)
May 18	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
May 19	7:00 pm	Adoration
May 22	9:00 am	PCCW Meeting (special date)
May 26	7:00 pm	Adoration
May 31	9:00 am	Memorial Day Mass in the Church

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MAY 11-16

Tue 8:00 am	†Mary Ann Ryan	Sat 4:00 pm	†Richard & Roxie Napper
Wed 8:00 am	†Don Stone	Sun 8:00 am	Parish Family Intentions
Thu 8:00 am	†Tommy & Patty White	Sun 10:30 am	Safety & Intentions of all the Youth of St. Joseph Parish
Fri 8:00 am	†Msgr. Edward Eftink		



May 2

**Weekly Env: \$3,146 Plate: \$576 Maint: \$135 Candles: \$34
Mass Intentions: \$10**

Special Collections: Pantry: \$667 Mirror: \$15 Missions: \$5

**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**

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*



**Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary.
What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God's people?**



SUNDAY, MAY 16, 10:30 AM

Next Sunday we will recognize the end of the 2020-21 PSR year in a special way by celebrating "Mass on the Grass" under the tent.

(There will not be 8:00 a.m. Mass that day.)



MAY SCHEDULE

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.



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.

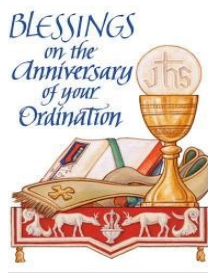
Special Date Next Meeting: May 22, 9:00 a.m.



Sunday, May 9

Our mothers do so much for us, it's good to have this day to recognize their gift of life and love and to honor them for the many sacrifices they have made for us.

Please take time to remember your mother this Sunday, May 9, with a phone call or visit. If your mother is in heaven, remember her in prayer and share special memories of her with loved ones.



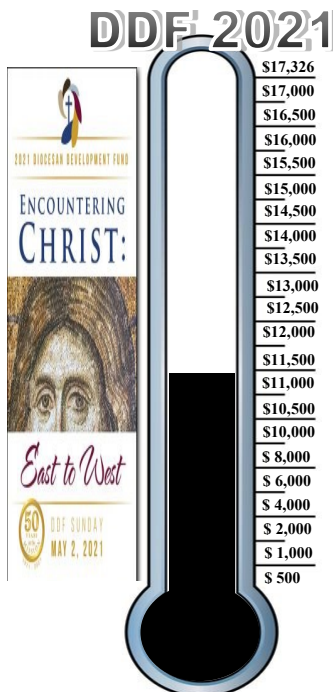
PARISH LUNCH & CARD SHOWER CELEBRATING FATHER SHOBY

Father Shoby celebrates his 15th anniversary of ordination into the priesthood on May 9. You are invited to celebrate with him at a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday followed by a parish-family lunch & card shower beginning at 12:00 p.m.

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!

Fr. Shoby, we, the Catholic faith community of St. Joseph, are grateful for your ministry, your leadership, and your faithfulness. We walk with you as disciples of Christ as you continue your priesthood.

DDF CAMPAIGN UPDATE



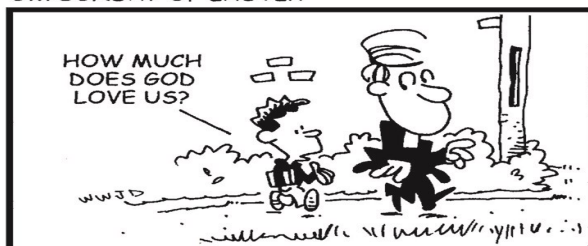
Our DDF Campaign got off to a great start last weekend! To date, 39 families have given \$10,965 toward our goal of \$17,326. Thank you!

If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift--whatever the amount--in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

Please note when submitting your pledge card: If you are making a payment by check, please make it payable to St. Joseph's. If you are making a pledge commitment to be paid over time, all subsequent payments need to be made payable to DDF and sent directly to the diocesan office NOT to St. Joseph's. The diocesan office will send payment reminders in the mail.

Please keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER





MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY & THE ROSARY

During the month of May, the Church invites us to reflect on Mary's life and her response to God. Praying the rosary and meditating on the mysteries of the rosary, is one way to do this. Mary is our model for coming to know and to follow the will of God in our lives.

IMPORTANT FEAST DAY OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Thursday, May 13

Please consider praying the rosary —especially on this special feast day— just as Mary asked the Portuguese children to do when she appeared to them in 1917.

The message of Fatima is simple:

Pray:

for world peace, an end to war,
for sinners
and for the conversion of Russia.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Next Sunday, May 16

Although the actual Ascension Day is normally observed on Thursday, May 13, we will commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven next weekend, May 15 & 16.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.



HAPPY 15th ANNIVERSARY
Father Shoby!
God bless you & your ministry!