



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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 Anneliese Reeves Music Minister
 Paula Foster Custodian
 Tim Potthoff Pastoral Council President
 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.

ANOINTING, 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 ~ 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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20



The one who came from heaven now returns to heaven. Today celebrates the completion of the Divine-human story. When God became one like us, humanity was divinely kissed. The message was clear: mortal human beings, once seen as insignificant and expendable, radiated with the presence of God and revealed the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The poor were raised up and given dignity, the sick healed, and justice proclaimed. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all created beings and things and their Creator. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. While we are still moaning and expressing signs of incompleteness as we continue our journey, we see and know the glory that awaits us and the inheritance that will one day satisfy the longing of our souls. This feast of the Ascension is truly a celebration that can bolster our faith, and deepen our love and renew our hope.

God bless you and remain blessed!

Fr. Shoby



Crystal Rinker, 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 22 & 23

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
LECTOR	Teresa Hanafin	Gary Stepp	Megan Garbee
SERVER	Missy Monroe	Volunteer	Volunteer
USHERS	Debby Clutter & Volunteer	Larry Fabro Dustin Bobbitt	Jimmie Butler Joel Butler

Church EVENTS

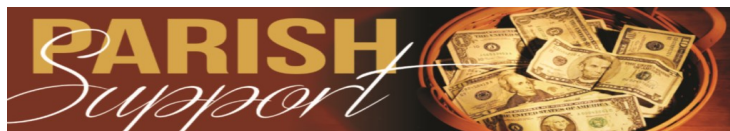
May 16	9:10 am	Final PSR Class for 2020-21 year
May 18	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
May 19	7:00 pm	Adoration
May 22	9:00 am	PCCW Meeting (special date)
May 26	7:00 pm	Adoration
May 31	9:00 am	Memorial Day Mass in the Church
June 2	7:00 pm	Adoration
June 4	8:00 am	Mass & First Friday Devotions
June 5	10:00 am	First Saturday Rosary

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MAY 18-23

Tue 8:00 am	†Ed Westen	Sat 4:00 pm	Larry & Janice Fabro Intentions
Wed 8:00 am	†Fr. Jim Reynolds	Sun 8:00 am	†Patty White
Thu 8:00 am	†Gerald Fischer	Sun 10:30 am	Parish Family Intentions
Fri 8:00 am	†Virginia Mackey		



May 9

Weekly Env: \$2,050 Plate: \$111 Maint: \$1,148 Candles: \$66

Mass Intentions: \$10

Special Collections: Pantry: \$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 is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all
who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then
sending them all out into the world in service. May I
similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!*

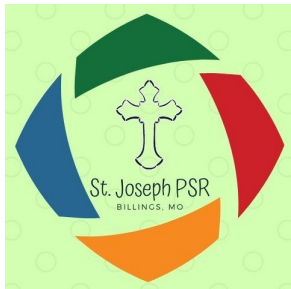


MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS SUNDAY FOR BOTH MASSES

Due to the soft ground condition and the forecast for more rain, we will not have "Mass on the Grass" this Sunday.

Mass will be celebrated in the church as normal for both Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Please help spread the word among our other parishioners, so everyone is made aware.



MAY SCHEDULE

May 16—Last Class

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make PSR, Adult Education & RCIA possible this past year. We pray that our catechists, aides, and substitutes have a wonderful and safe summer.

And . . .

we hope that you plan to be back with us in September!

SENIOR 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Elizabeth Hubbert, Trent Huffman, Theresa Palazzolo, Colton Plowman, Lexie Reeves, and Grace Vesci

ACCOUNTING/EMPLOYEE BENEFIT POSITION OPEN AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in accounting and employee benefits for the Office of Finance at The Catholic Center in Springfield. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Qualified individuals will have an accounting background and experience, including familiarity with accounting software; excellent math, organization, and multi-tasking skills; experience with employee benefits systems; verbal communication skills in person and on the phone; proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite including Excel and Word; proficiency in using the Internet, and be detail oriented. Must be able to work independently in a multi-person office space. Position start date of July 1, 2021.

To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call (417) 866-0841.



PARISH CUSTODIAN JOB OPENING

Our parish has an immediate job opening for a part-time custodian to clean the parish hall and church. This position offers a flexible schedule and requires approximately 5-7 hours per week. This is an excellent opportunity for a person, couple, or college student looking for supplemental income.

A full job description is available in the back of the church along with applications and can be emailed upon request. If you or someone you know would be a good fit to fulfill this important parish position, please contact the parish office and submit an application.

Thank you

Thank you all for helping make my 15th ordination anniversary a memorable and extra special celebration. Thank you for the many prayers, cards, gifts, and messages of support. A special thanks to the ladies of the PCCW for the delicious lunch. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is much appreciated. God bless you and remain blessed!

Father Shoby

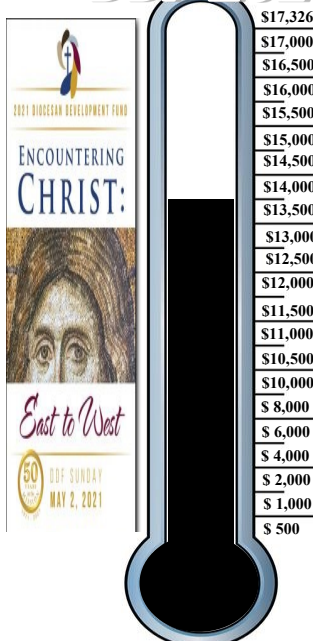


Special Meeting Date Next Saturday, May 22, 9:00 a.m.

The PCCW is collecting donations of Similar Powdered Baby Formula for the Republic Pregnancy Resource Center. Donations may be placed in the box by the parish office through June 10.

DDF CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DDF 2021



To date, 60 families have given \$13,495 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooting them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ASCENSION



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Be Generous This Summer

The month of May means summer is right around the corner. There will be an urge to make up for the dark summer of 2020 with gusto. We head into a time when vacation planning is emerging, barbecues are a realistic activity, family reunions may actually be realized and trips to a favorite state park or beach may be eagerly anticipated. Christian stewards remain mindful, however, that even



during this time, the need to be generous continues, especially to our parishes and dioceses.

The Christmas spirit has always inspired us to share our material blessings with others. Cold weather also brings out our desire to make sure others are sheltered from winter storms. But often, food and clothing pantry shelves are not quite so full in the summer, even though people are still hungry and need clothing. Even in pre-pandemic times, social service agencies scrambled to fill their rosters with

volunteers during the summer. Parish outreach ministries have suffered this past year and need financial contributions to continue during the summer weeks.

Christian stewards are well aware of summer needs, as well as being aware of their own need to give throughout the year. For Christian stewards, the spirituality of gratitude to God is part of their everyday

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lives and motivates their generosity.

Let's not forget our parishes when we make our summer plans. Let's make sure to increase our gifts to make up for the past year. Also, many diocesan appeals take place in the spring and summer. Giving to the diocesan annual appeal is an excellent way to support the ministries of the local church that no single parish could undertake by itself.

This summer may offer a chance to renew our quest for fun and relaxation in a way that the pandemic, the economy and closures would not allow last summer. Let us be mindful of our parishes, diocesan ministries and other charities that are in need of our support. A plan to continue our generous habits this summer can serve as a great blessing to those in need and serve as an authentic witness to the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter.