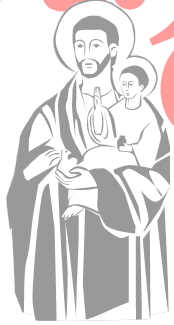


St. Joseph Church



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

By the grace of God, St. Joseph Parish seeks to empower its parishioners to grow in holiness as we worship God more worthily and become an ever-more closely bound community of Catholics. Through the community we strive to know, love and serve God and one another and to spread God's Kingdom through prayer, evangelization, and service to the Catholic Church, the civil community, and all of God's children.

“Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.”
Psalm 119:135

PASTOR'S REFLECTION:

We are currently planning to re-introduce two services which we had several years ago but dropped because of lack of participants. I am referring to Babysitting for our infants and small children and Children's Liturgy of the Word for our young school-age children, both during Sunday Mass. To make this work we need generous people to volunteer for two jobs involving these programs. Since we have many more children at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass than the other two weekend Masses, we will be offering these services only at the 10:30 Mass, at least in the beginning.

We will offer free **Babysitting** in the new nursery in the basement of the rectory. This will be for those children who have not yet started Kindergarten. This is so that parents (and all of us) may participate in Mass more meaningfully without the distraction of these infants and toddlers. It is also to prevent the little ones from growing up with a negative impression of church. I know some of you want your children in church from the get-go but there is a danger of the children developing a negative idea of church if that are introduced to it before the proper teachable moment.

The second service is the **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, which is for children from Kindergarten through the 3rd grade. They will begin Mass with their parents but, after the opening prayer when the readings begin, they will be invited to go to the south sacristy to hear the Word of God on their level while adults hear it on an adult level. After the homily they will return to their parents for the rest of the Mass. This too is to help the children to grow in an appreciation of Mass as well as of the Word of God.

However, if our experience has taught us anything it is that we will badly need people to Baby-sit and people to teach the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4:00pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30am
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3 - 3:45pm
Sunday: 7:30 - 7:50am
Anytime by appointment.

Infant Baptism:

Call for an appointment

Youth Meetings:

High School Youth
Wednesdays 7:00pm

Marriage Preparation:

Call for an appointment, ordinarily
At least six months before planned date.

Catholic Inquiry / RCIA:

Questions? Call and come in for a visit!

Adoration Hours: Weekly

Tuesday-Thursday 7:00am until Midnight
Friday 5:00am until Noon

Readings for next Weekend

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (132C)

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

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Mass Schedule—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	09/04	4:00pm	Bud & Sally Corbin
Sun.	09/05	8:00am	People of the Parish
		10:30am	Joe & Geraldine Ruzicka
Mon.	09/06	8:30am	†Jacob McCann
Tue.	09/07	8:30am	†Joseph & Irene Ryan
Wed.	09/08	8:30am	†Tony Pagnotta
Thu.	09/09	8:30am	Benedictine Federation
Fri.	09/10	8:30am	†Paul Anthony Terrell
Sat.	09/11	4:00pm	†Frank Glore
Sun.	09/12	8:00am	People of the Parish
		10:30am	Our Seniors' Group

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5TH

Mon	"Labor Day" Parish Office Closed
Tue	7:00pm RCIA Starts - K of C Meeting
Wed	7:00pm Youth Group
Sun	9:15am PSR Family Meeting
	11:30am Seniors Pot-Luck Dinner
	7:00pm Communal Penance Service

Our Gift to God

Envelopes 3,685.50, Plate \$247.25
R&M \$111.00, Donations \$1,070.00
Votive \$38.20, Food Pantry \$70.00
Capital Campaign \$3,284.00

Please Pray For Our Sick

Kate Beatty, Tony Sayer, Bob Langley, Betty Belle, Mel Wilkins, Helen McIver, Joe & Frances Behlman, Renee Boothby, Audrey Long, Harold Sleeth, David Wilkerson, Herman & Josie Gouty, Miguel Nelson, Steven Higgins, Gail Whitley, Cliff & Eulamae Byron, Harold Cramer, Mary Mehl, Elizabeth Shockley and Paula Howard.

Hospitality Minister Training for ALL Hospitality Ministers---Saturday, Sept. 18 after 4 PM Mass and Sunday, Sept. 19 at 9:15 AM. If you currently serve or would like to --- Please be here. We've got some important work to do—and we really NEED more ministers—so please pray about it—and volunteer

RCIA – Weekly classes begin this Tue., Sep. 7 at 7 PM— in our new Parish Education Room. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith—please join us. Babysitting can be provided—but *please call the parish office so we can plan ahead!* **Come and See--**learn this amazing church which Jesus founded. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Haven't been to confession in a while? Maybe since Lent? We'll have **COMMUNAL PENANCE here on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 7 PM.** Here's your opportunity to start over with the Lord, clean the slate and begin Autumn with a new heart!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Every Sunday—9:15 AM--beginning Sept. 19 – in the school auditorium. This year our adult class will be doing an in-depth study of the Sunday readings. This class prays, learns and laughs together. They have a great time! All are welcome! Please call JoAnn Heath—753-3933—for more information.

PSR Classes begin next Sunday--- Sept. 12 at 9:15 AM. Teachers, students, parents-- *please gather in the church.* We will pray together and classes will be dismissed to their classrooms. After a brief meeting, parents will be sent over to meet their children's teacher(s) and hear of their plans for the year ahead.

St. Joseph 50+ Group—Pot Luck & Yard Party—Sunday, Sept. 12 after 10:30 Mass at the home of Ralph & Pat Henderson. Everyone—who is 50+ is invited & encouraged to come! Maps are on the table in the gathering space. Or Call Pat for directions: 742-4193.

Our PARISH PICNIC is Sept. 26—12 noon—3 PM at Grant Beach Park!! Everyone is asked to bring a meat dish and a salad, vegetable or dessert. Beverages are provided. Bring your family and your yard games! We'll have the train museum be open that day as well. (Rain Plan—we'll be in our new parish hall!)

New Online Bible Study--Searching for Meaning in the Gospel of St. John will begin in September on Bible Belt Studies. This course will explore the themes of light and darkness, spirit and grace and Incarnation. This six-week course is supported by the Diocesan lay Endowment Fund. See website for further details: <http://biblebeltstudies.sqooltools.com> or email Sister Frances Wessel@ssnd-sl.org

Griefshare –bereavement program continues on Tuesdays -- 6:30—8:30 PM at St. Agnes school. If you have any questions or would like to enroll, call Paula Howard 886-9790 or the parish office—865-1112.

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Ministers for September 11-12, 2010 (Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)				
Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Clements, M.	Lower, T.	Henderson, P.	Amigon, B.
	Every, J.	Gaynor, P.	Henderson, R.	Harmon, A.
	Ruzicka, G.			
	Smith, T.			
	Wilkinson, P.			
8:00	Green, S.	Henderson, K.	Witt Family	Johnson, E.
	Adams, A.	Blanton, C.		Henderson, M
	Ruddell, J.			Henderson, M
	Dixon, B.			
	Johnson, D.			
10:30	Bird, B.	Watson, T.	Mezzacapa, D.	Zimmerman, K
	Fannell, M.	Lawler, M.	Saylor, R.	Mezzacapa, J
	Hall, J.		Lawler, C.	Mezzacapa, S.
	Kroutil, M.		Lawler, R.	
	Love, C.			
	<i>Organist</i>		<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00	Violins		Josh	
8:00	Gail Skalicky		Theresa	
10:30	Sharon Sifferman		Bonnie	

We will need several babysitters and several teachers of the Children’s Liturgy of the Word so that those that are doing these tasks for our children will avoid burnout. *I suggest that some of the parents of the children involved volunteer to help, especially in regard to the babysitting.* Other adults or teenagers are welcome too. The Babysitting will be particularly demanding because the babysitter, in order to satisfy his/her Sunday obligation, has to attend another Mass. This is not required of the people participating in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word as long as they read the readings beforehand, as they are preparing to teach the Word.

Parents, other adults, and teenagers, please volunteer for one of these jobs so we can provide these services. Please call the rectory (865-1112) to volunteer either for Babysitting or for the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. You will be doing it for the children and also for the whole parish because we are all involved in raising these children as good Catholics. Thanks.

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A second thing I’d like to mention, also for the wellbeing of our children, is that **we ask parents to get involved with the religious education and spiritual growth of their children.** Whether the children are in the St. Joseph Catholic Academy or the Parish School of Religion (PSR), we ask that our parents get involved in everything your children are learning. I ask this especially in religious studies. First of all, bring your child to Sunday Mass every weekend and pray daily with the child at home. In regard to the Academy students, ask your child to bring his religion book home and go over what he/she studied that day. See that he/she is growing daily in religion and grow with him/her. In regard to PSR students, get your child to class every week and be on time, and at the end of class (10:10 am) enter the classroom (instead of standing in the hall), hear the teacher explain what the teaching objective of the class was, receive the take-home page and follow-up on your child’s learning at home. Both you and your child will grow in your Faith.

God bless you all! –Fr. Denis

We will be conducting a Registration Drive for the Missouri Catholic Conference Citizens’ Network—at all Masses the weekend of Sept. 11-12. The Citizens’ Network is FREE and, through e-mail, will keep you/your family updated on pending issues and legislation so that you may contact your legislators when key votes are eminent. Our Bishop is encouraging every Catholic family to consider being part of the Citizens’ Network.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: All adults (over 18) who want to (or do) volunteer to work with children or teens are required to have completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Program. Pre-registration for the workshops at www.virtus.org; click on registration or **arrive early and register ahead of time.** **ANY PARENT or interested parishioner is welcome to take this training.** Also, the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy can be found on the website at www.dioscg.org

Virtus Training Workshop Schedule:

- Wed., Sept. 8 6–9 PM – Bolivar, Sacred Heart Parish
- Thur., Sept. 16 1–4 PM—St. Joseph, Springfield
- Sun., Sept. 26 4:30–7:30 PM—SAEAS, Springfield
- Sat., Oct. 9 12:30–3:30 PM—Holy Trinity, Springfield (afternoon of Catechist Gathering)

Newly Separated, Divorced or Widowed? “Beginning Experience” Coping Sessions are on Tuesdays, 6:30 PM at Holy Trinity, Springfield. This six-week program is for those adults whose loss is in the early stages. This ministry has helped many people begin again after their marriage has ended. Call Daniel Mezzacapa for more information—869-5765 or 343-9422.