

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.

Jesus turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."
Luke 14:25

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

I think that Pope Benedict's recent decree reviving the old Latin Mass was a step backwards in the implementation of the decrees of the Second Vatican Council, which were approved and promoted by Pope Paul VI. The Council never intended there to be two forms of the Roman rite existing simultaneously. Latin at Mass, yes, but the old rite stemming back to the 16th Century, clearly no. To keep a group of objectors in the Church, Pope John Paul gave permission to have the old Mass on a very limited scale in 1984, despite the nearly unanimous opposition of the bishops throughout the world. Now, Pope Benedict has given permission to go over the heads of the bishops as long as a "stably existing" community requests the old Mass and the pastors can prevent a disruption in their communities. The Council clearly wanted to give such power to the bishops, but in this too the Council's teaching is being reversed.

I don't anticipate having a Latin Mass problem in our parish, although a group of people who formerly sought to introduce such a Mass here has sought to do so again. We will follow Pope Benedict's instruction and not introduce the Latin Mass here because we do not have a stable (long-standing) group of active parish members requesting it. You are aware that to be an active member of our parish requires current registration, regular Mass attendance, and tithing to support the parish, as I have told you at least once a year. Very few of those suggesting the Latin Mass here are active members of the parish. The vast majority clearly do not qualify as a stable existing group of parishioners. I also perceive that the group would be disruptive if they came here with the idea of "gritting their teeth" (as one described it) until they could dominate the parish again.

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4:00 PM
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3-3:45 PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 7:50 AM
Anytime by appointment.

Infant Baptism:

Call for an appointment

Youth Meetings:

High School Youth, 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Marriage Preparation:

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

Adoration Hours: Weekly

Tuesday: 8:00 AM until Friday 8:00 AM

Readings for next Weekend

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

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Daily Readings: See page 3 of THE MIRROR

Sat.	09/08	4:00pm	Intentions of Fr. Denis
Sun	09/09	8:00am	People of the Parish
		10:30am	†Bob Loss
Mon	09/10	8:30am	All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	09/11	8:30am	For all Priest
Wed	09/12	8:30am	†Fr. John Sheley
Thu	09/13	8:30am	†Stan Banasik
Fri.	09/14	8:30am	†Marcella & Walter Zink
Sat.	09/15	4:00pm	†Joe Ruzicka
Sun	09/16	8:00am	†Charles & Joe Howard
		10:30am	People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.	09/09	9:15am	PSR/Parent Meeting
		2:00pm	Youth Ice Cream Social
		3:00pm	Parish Town Hall Meeting
Mon.	09/10	6:30pm	Music Meeting
Tue.	09/11	7:00pm	RCIA
		7:30pm	American Guild of Organist
Sat.	09/15	5:00pm	Seniors Cook-out
Sun.	09/16	9:15am	PSR/Adult Bible Study

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**Please Pray For Our Sick*

Mary Terhune, Tony Ruzicka, Bob Langley, Myrtle Rapp, Joe Johnson, Amelia Lipscomb, Ken & Rose Mary Tuter, Betty Belle, Mary Jane Elbert, Lillie Grider, Bob Halter, Sally Wisheart, Jim Shell, Helen McIver, Joe Behlman, Cellia Francka, Ken Sifferman and Rose Kelly..

Vocation Picture Volunteers

Masses This Week (Sep. 9) Next Week (Sep. 16)

4:00PM	Paula Howard	Clements Family
8:00AM	Horsch Family	Bolek Family
10:30AM	Peggy Wissmueller	Bob Langley

VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" Adult Training Sessions—Remember—you need to enroll ahead of time ONLINE!

Call Cyndi Love if you have any questions.

Sat., Sept. 15-9AM—12noon—St. Mary School, Pierce City
 Thu., Sept. 20—6:30—9:30PM—Holy Family, Shell Knob
 Wed., Sept. 26—6:30—9:30 PM—Springfield Catholic High
 Sat., Oct. 6—12:30—3:30 PM—Holy Trinity Springfield
 (Catechist In-Service Day)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes continue on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 13 at 7:00 PM in the school auditorium. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic, please join us.

TOWN HALL MEETING—This Sunday—September 9th at 3:00 PM—School Auditorium! All parishioners, high school age and up are welcome! Come at 2 PM for Ice Cream—at the North Campus. Babysitting will be provided.

Adult Education—Begins Next Sunday, Sept. 16—at 9:15 AM, school auditorium. This is a wonderful class for any interested adult. First they'll learn about and practice the Liturgy of the Hours and then they will study Prove It, Church—an apologetics handbook. Call Jo Ann Heath—753-3933 to enroll.

YOUTH NEWS: Meetings every other Wednesday evening. Next meeting—Sept. 12—Bus trip to Rolla, MO for the Dead Theologians Society. (1)—All youth—Jr. High & High School—"See You at the Pole" rally on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Shrine Mosque. Call Dean Johnson—844-9380. (2)—High School Youth—"Holy Cow" Music Festival/Camp Out—Sept. 29/30—Steelville, MO.

Attention all Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors—Rite of Enrollment—Sunday, Sept. 23 at 10:30 AM Mass. All sponsors and candidates are asked to be here!

Catechetical Sunday "Encountering the Living Christ." Next Sunday, Sept. 16. We will recognize and commission our catechists at every Mass throughout the weekend. Please take a moment to thank them for their ministry and please keep them in your prayers.

SMALL GROUPS, Essentials of the Faith, BEGIN OCT. 7! Sign ups begin today! You will come to know the Catechism of the Catholic Church, strengthen your Catholic identity and improve your daily practice of the faith. Our topics and timing will keep us on common ground with them. Sign-Ups begin on Sept. 9. If you haven't taken part in a small group, get started now—it is a wonderful experience. If you would like to host or lead a group, please call Fr. Denis or Cyndi Love—865-1112.

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MINISTERS FOR (Sep. 15-16, 2007) (Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	LECTOR	HOSPITALITY MINISTER	SERVER
4:00	Pille, N. Corbin, S. Clements, M. Ruzicka, G. Corbin, B. *(H)	Gaynor, P.	Henderson, R. Henderson, P. Fender, M. Fender, L.	Luttrell, J. Available
8:00	Ruddell, J. Brockus, B. Green, C Adams, A. Johnson, D. *(H)	Skalicky, F.	Horsch, R. Cherry Family (3)	Johnson, S. Reed, A. Johnson, E.
10:30	Wissmueller, P. Swearingen, C. Swearingen, D. Fletcher, M. Fletcher, M. *(H)	Shipps, D.	Sifferman, K. Broom, M. Baum, S. Hindman, B.	Bird, A. Bird, M. Amigon, B.
	ORGANIST		CANTOR	
4:00	Theresa Stocker		Joe Kelly	
8:00	Gail Skalicky		Guitar Group	
10:30	Sharon Sifferman		Bonnie Johnson	

Please Make Note!!! Save this date!!!

Parish Picnic—Sept. 23 at Grant Beach Park from 4-8 PM.

During the week of Sept. 10 through Sept. 15, Tom Ferlis of *Pastoral Solutions, Inc.* will be calling on business in our area to give them an opportunity to advertise in our parish bulletin. If you know of any businesses that may support our parish by advertising in the bulletin, call (800) 876700 ext. 238, thank you.

Singles Reaching Out: Join them on Sept. 15 at Holy Trinity at 6:30pm for Board Games & Volleyball. Cost; \$3 plus a finger food to share! For more information call Joyce @ 865-0802.

Come and be appreciated as our Youth say “Thank you for your support!” with a free Ice Cream Social this Sunday Sept. 9th—2:00 PM—at the North Campus! Come tour the facility and let our teens treat you to some delicious ice cream. Then you can head over to the Town Hall Meeting!

Immediate Opening for an hour of Adoration in our Chapel. Thursday evenings at 4:00 PM, and Friday mornings at 2:00 AM. If you could take one as your hour to spend in quiet prayer with Jesus, contact Peggy Wissmueller today! Call 299-0510.

The Holy Trinity Council of Catholic Women and the Men’s Club are sponsoring a “Texas Hold ‘Em” Poker Tournament to benefit *The Kitchen, Inc.* on Fri., Oct. 19, in the parish center Social Hall. Seating is limited to the first 240 persons reserving a seat. Registration ends October 5. For more information or a registration form, contact Sharon at 886-9879 or Rod at 839-9061. For information on how to become a “Community Sponsor”, contact Beth at 887-5788.

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Also, should we ever be required to introduce a Latin Mass in the future, such a Mass would fall under the supervision of the pastor and the appointed Liturgical Committee, like all other liturgical matters, not under the direction from some other group requesting it.

We should all ask ourselves questions like the following: Do we really want to introduce a liturgy emphasizing sin and its expiation in preference to the celebration of the paschal mystery centering on the death *and resurrection* of Christ. Do we really want to exclude women from the sanctuary, go back to the old lectionary, which had only a one year cycle of readings rather than the three year cycle we enjoy now. Do we really want to go back to the celebration of a Mass in which we do not understand the language in which the priest is praying and reading, and doing so with his back to us. Do you really want to re-introduce the disruption the parish previously experienced from some of the very people now requesting the old Latin Mass?

The old Mass has been called the “traditional” Mass but that is erroneous because the tradition of the Church from the most ancient times was to celebrate the Mass in the language understood by the people. That is the reason the Mass, probably first celebrated by Jesus in Aramaic, was soon celebrated in Greek, and then in the 4th or 5th Century celebrated in Latin in the Roman Church. The “tradition” of the fathers of the Church was to celebrate the Mass in the language of the people. The fathers of the Second Vatican Council were simply returning to this traditional Catholic practice in providing us with the Mass in the various languages which we understand.

So we at St. Joseph’s will follow the ancient tradition of the Church and continue to celebrate the Mass in the language of the people, as we follow the practice given us by Pope Paul VI and the Vatican Council and in doing so we will not be violating the decree of Pope Benedict because we do not have a request from of a “stably existing” community in our parish and because the pastor doesn’t feel we can do so in a non-disruptive way.

I just thought I would explain.

God bless you all!—Fr. Denis

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