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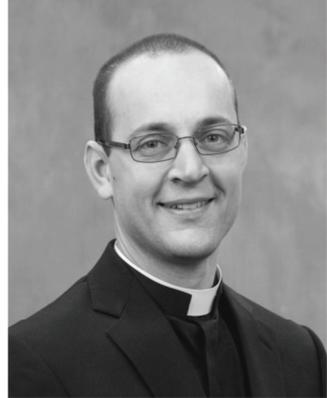


Welcome from Fr. Mike

Dear friends,

Some time ago, one of the lights in the church went out. It was one of the big lights towards the front, in the middle. I couldn't believe how dark things were, all because that one light was out. One light makes a big difference.

You and I, we follow an amazing line of lights, 150 years filled with God's faithful people. Our ancestors built this church—an amazing edifice! They also built the school and countless nuns gave their life for it. Our mothers and fathers in the faith built this whole campus—and not just the buildings. They helped to build the kingdom of God here, the kingdom of love. They are all part of the story of this corner of God's kingdom that we affectionally call "St. Joe's." Had but one of them not been here, there would be a little—or a lot—of light missing from our story.



Friends, the future falls to us in the same way! God needs us to be lights burning brightly, to set this town on fire for the Lord. If even one of us weren't here, there ought to be a noticeable difference. Get involved here. Serve and love Jesus and his people here. Burn brightly here, sharing the light of the Lord! You and I have the joy of adding light to our parish, to our city, to our world!

There's a saying: "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all." How true. Together with one another and with our ancestors, we have it all here. Because we have Jesus...and He is everything!!!

My prayers and love!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Fr. Mike Keucher". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Fr. Mike Keucher
Administrator

General Information

Parish Staff

Very Rev. Michael Keucher, VF	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Tom Hill.....	Deacon
Billy Cross.....	Pastoral Associate
Bryan Fischer.....	Buildings & Grounds
Jan Lux.....	Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Makowski.....	Business Manager
Gaye McKenney.....	Parish Council President
Kathleen Simpson.....	School Secretary
Bill Turner.....	Director of Maintenance
Jim Tush.....	Principal
James Edward Velez.....	Hispanic Coordinator

Parish Office Hours

Mondays thru Friday.....	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays.....	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Parish Contact Information

Church Office.....	(317) 398-8227
School Office.....	(317) 398-4202
Fr. Mike Cell Phone.....	(812) 391-0047

Registration

If you are new to our parish, welcome! What a happy blessing it is for us to welcome you here and have you as part of our family. Please register online at www.stjoeshelby.org or obtain a registration form in the parish office. A new parishioner breakfast is held twice a year. Please keep us informed of changes in names, addresses, phone numbers and family residents. Families who plan to move from our parish are also requested to inform the parish office.



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2020 Calendar

Important Dates

Jan. 1	Mary, Mother of God*
Jan. 26	Catholic Schools Week Begins
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar. 19	Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
Mar. 23-27	Spring Break
Mar. 25	Annunciation of the Lord
Apr. 5	Palm Sunday
Apr. 9	Holy Thursday
Apr. 10	Good Friday
Apr. 11	Easter Vigil
Apr. 12	Easter Sunday
Apr. 26	First Holy Communion
May 1	Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
May 10	Mother's Day
May 20	Last Day of School
May 21	The Ascension of the Lord
June 1-5	Vacation Bible School
June 21	Father's Day
Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Sept. 30	Confirmation
Oct. 19-23	Fall Break
Nov. 1	All Saint's Day*
Nov. 2	All Soul's Day
Nov. 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception*
Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Dec. 25	Christmas Day*

* Denotes Holy Day of Obligation

Mass / Confession / Prayer Schedules

NOTE: For all the schedules on this page and the next, please check the bulletin for any changes, especially for Holy Days.

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Joseph
Sunday	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. (Spanish)	St. Vincent St. Joseph St. Joseph
Monday	5:00 p.m.	St. Vincent
Tuesday	8:15 a.m.	St. Joseph
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Vincent
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	8:15 a.m.	St. Joseph

Confession Schedule

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	St. Joseph
Sunday	8:00 - 8:25 a.m.	St. Vincent
Monday	5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	St. Vincent
Friday	3rd Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	St. Joseph



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Mass/Confession/Prayer Schedule, cont'd

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Opened on June 26, 2019, the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph has already produced many great fruits. Parishioners take turns filling the hours, so that around the clock, every day, at least one person is praying.

All are welcome in the chapel. You do not need to register for an hour to spend time with Jesus there.

However, all are welcome to sign up for a weekly hour. Contact the adoration chapel coordinator, Jim Kozinski at 317-850-5248.

“Adoration means entering into the depths of our hearts in communion with the Lord, who makes Himself bodily present in the Eucharist. In the monstrance, He always entrusts Himself to us and asks us to be united with His Presence, with His risen Body.” ~Pope Benedict XVI

We celebrate Eucharistic adoration according to this schedule:

Monday	5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	St. Vincent
Every day	All Day	St. Joseph



Rosary

The Rosary is prayed mornings following the 8:15 a.m. Friday Mass. It is also prayed every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Vespers

Vespers is prayed at various times throughout the year. Please watch the bulletin for this.

A History of Our Parish

The beginning of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shelbyville, Indiana, is linked with the history and traditions of St. Vincent Church near Prescott (in Shelby County) and the early Catholics of Indianapolis.

In 1865 Rev. John Gillig, the pastor of St. Vincent's Church, saw the need for a Catholic Church in Shelbyville. He purchased a lot on East Broadway, and on August 6, 1866, ground was broken for the first church building to be named St.

Joseph's Catholic Church. This building is known today as the Parish Office. The first Mass was said in June of 1869 before the church was physically completed.



Rev. Francis J. Rudolf was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in 1870, and he was able to complete and furnish the church. Unfortunately, when the church was finished it was encumbered with debt and was sold by Sheriff's sale. Fr. Rudolf bought the church and was instrumental in alleviating the financial difficulties of the church.

By 1874 Fr. Rudolf had purchased a tract of ground and a large frame house on the left side of the church with his own money so there would be room to begin educating children.

The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis came to teach, and the school was opened to 60 children in 1876.

St. Joseph Church outgrew its building, became free from debt, and was responsible for the education of approximately 125 children by 1880. In 1886 Fr. Adelrich Kaelin became pastor, and he built the first rectory. As the parish continued to grow, additions were built on the church, school, and pastor's house from 1890-1891.

In 1898 a plan was put into action for a new church. A great deal of additional space was needed. To make room, ground lying between and around the church and school was purchased. Father Kaelin moved into a small home that was included in the purchase, while the Sisters, who had been living in rooms within the school, moved into Fr. Kaelin's house.



Groundbreaking took place on September 8, 1902. Dedication of the new church, which is worshipped in today, was celebrated on August 2, 1908. The altar, shrines, statues, and many of the stained-glass windows are the same today as in 1908; however, the interior of the church was most recently renovated in 1990, with air-conditioning added to the church in the summer of 2005.

Although St. Joseph Church has undergone many extensive physical changes throughout the years, the spiritual purpose of the parish remains constant.

Saint Joseph the Worker

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scriptures, which has seemed too little for those who made up legends about St. Joseph.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Lk 2:24).



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Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy, but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed, the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He planned to divorce Mary according to the law, but he was concerned for her suffering and safety.

St. Joseph



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He knew that women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he decided to divorce her quietly and not expose her to shame or cruelty (Matthew 1:19-25).

We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concerns for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told

him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know that Joseph loved Jesus. His concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for Jesus' life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22).

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

St. Joseph is also the patron of the **dying, universal Church, fathers, carpenters** and **social justice**.

The two feast days for St. Joseph are:

Mar. 19 - for the husband of Mary

May 1 - for Joseph the Worker

Prayer to St. Joseph

*Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church,
watch over the Church as carefully
as you watched over Jesus,
help protect it and guide it
as you did with your adopted son.
Amen.*

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Ministries of Parish Operation

Parish Pastoral Council

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Rick Walke

The Parish Pastoral Council is responsible for the pastoral vision and ministry of the parish. It is to be representative of the whole parish in its membership. The Parish Pastoral Council acts as an advisory body to the Pastor/Administrator, to assist him with specific tasks in establishing his goals for the parish, and to support the Pastor/Administrator in his role as shepherd. Although the Pastor/Administrator, as the representative of the Archbishop, has ultimate decision making powers in all parish matters, he relies heavily on the Parish Council to make important decisions.

The Parish Pastoral Council consists of the Pastor/Administrator, up to twelve members of the parish community, eight elected by the parish and four appointed by the Pastor/Administrator. A member of the Finance Council and/or a trustee will attend as a non-voting member of the Parish Pastoral Council to facilitate the role of the Parish Pastoral Council in the budget approval process.

Finance Committee

President: Bryan Fischer

Amanda Cuautle

Patrick Deak

Brent Thoman

The Finance Council develops the parish-wide budget and establishes policies and procedures regarding finances, including fundraising programs. Every parish, by Church law, is required to have a finance council. It serves the important purpose of taking good and prudent care of parish temporal resources. The council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Ministries of Parish Operation, cont'd

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Contacts: Bryan Fischer & Bill Turner

The function of this committee is to keep the parish facilities maintained. The committee oversees the maintenance of all church and school properties. When a maintenance job arises, we either do the task, contact a parishioner who has expertise in that field, or subcontract out the job. Please let us know if you have special talents in carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical, etc.



Collection Counters

Contact: Rebecca Makowski

The Mission of the Collection Counters' Ministry is to count each week's collection accurately. The counters are responsible for going through all of the collection money from each Mass the previous week-end and accurately counting it.

God Squad

Contact: Gaye McKenney

The God Squad is a support ministry assisting other established ministries such as Youth Group, Alter Servers, Hospitality, Church Décor, Evangelization, Perpetual Adoration and others. The God Squad fills a much-needed role in our Parish Community. Their mission arises from Isaiah 6:8, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

School Bus

Contact: Gary Sheets

The St. Joe bus makes many rounds! It takes students on field trips, service trips, and youth trips. It is also used for pilgrimages, such as the annual Altar or Repose tour on Holy Thursday. We are always looking for new drivers. If you have a CDL with a passenger endorsement and a school bus endorsement, please let us know! Gary Sheets is the Director of Transportation at St. Joe!



Ministries of Faith Formation

Faith Formation Commission

President: TBD

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The Faith Formation Commission studies and organizes the parish education and formation programs for parishioners of all ages. The commission seeks to enhance our faith formation programs every year. It evaluates and improves what we are currently doing in light of the Church's guidelines and requirements. This commission encompasses and oversees all faith formation initiatives at the parish—formation programs for children & youth, Bible Studies, sacramental preparation, RCIA, Vacation Bible School, adult education, and more. The mission of the Faith Formation Commission is to make sure we are providing the best opportunities possible for our parishioners—that what we are doing helps the parish to fall more in love with the Lord and be formed for holiness on earth and eternal life in heaven!



Adult Faith Formation

Contact: Fr. Mike Keucher

Adult Formation programs—book studies, retreats, Bible studies, etc.—exist for those who want to become better informed and strengthened in their faith, and who wish to continue their formation in our faith.

Adult faith formation programs are offered throughout the year.

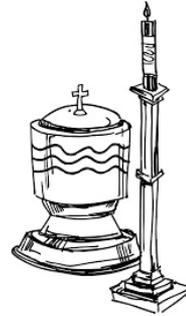
Gatherings give adults the opportunity to understand and appreciate the teachings of the Catholic Church, and/or grow in biblical knowledge.

Ministries of Faith Formation, cont'd

Baptismal Preparation & Follow-up

Contact: Fr. Mike Keucher

In Baptism, we enter into Jesus and his body the Church. Baptism is the sacrament that frees us from original sin, and makes us a member of Christ and His Church. It is thus the gateway to a new and supernatural life.



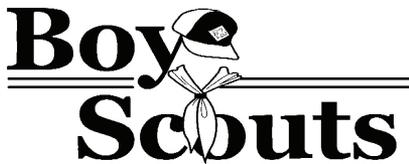
At St. Joseph, we want to prepare parents for baptism and support and welcome them when their children have been baptized. To have your newborn baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a class presented by Fr. Mike or Deacon Tom. These classes take place in English on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joe Office. In Spanish, they take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month, right after Mass in Spanish in St. Joe Church.

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

Boy Scouts Committee Chair: Donald McGugan

Charter Representative: Eric Wickizer/Kim Wickizer

Boy Scouts of America is part of a worldwide organization chartered to provide character development, leadership, citizenship, faith support



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and physical fitness to youth 6 to 20 years old. Adult supervision and guidance is key to the youth's development and maturity. Cub Scouting is age and grade appropriate for boys in first through fifth grades. Character development and family involvement is essential to

the fun of Cub Scouting. Boy Scouting (Varsity Scouting) is for boys 11-17. It is open to all boys from the community, especially the Parish. Venturing is a co-ed organization of the Boy Scouts of America for young women and men 14-20 years old. It has some of the ideas of the older Explorer Program, but emphasizes positive experience to help young people mature and prepares them to become responsible, caring citizens.

Ministries of Faith Formation, cont'd

Confirmation Preparation

Contact: Billy Cross

At St. Joseph, youth are typically confirmed in the sophomore year. They take classes to prepare them for this sacrament during their freshman year. Parish policy states you must have been a regular member of Middle School faith formation before entering 9th grade of sacramental preparation. Confirmation classes are held on the first and third Sundays of each month. Details in the bulletin.

REP 2.0

Contact: Billy Cross

All young people at St. Joe who do not attend school here should be sure to attend classes in our Religious Education Program. Classes are available for children from 3-year old preschool through 8th grade.

Classes are held Sundays starting in September. Classes meet in the school building from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Classes end at 12:00 p.m. with the Angelus.

It is the expectation of the church that all students attend Mass. It might be easiest for your son or daughter to attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass in English and then go to class. Alternatively, students might opt to attend class and then go to the 12:15 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

Parent sessions take place during the same time, in the cafeteria for Spanish and the school parent meeting room for English.

Registration starts in July and classes start after Labor Day and run through May.

First Communion classes are held during 2nd grade.

Parish policy states you must attend 1st grade REP classes before entering 2nd grade of sacramental preparation for First Communion.

Confirmation classes are held in 9th grade, but meet at a different time. Please see this page for Confirmation preparation information. **Parish policy states you must attend REP classes consecutively before entering 9th grade of sacramental preparation.**



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Ministries of Faith Formation, cont'd

Girl Scouts/Brownies/Daisies

Contact: Tanya Popper-Abell

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls



grow courageous and strong. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others.

Marriage Preparation & Enrichment

Contact: Fr. Mike Keucher

Preparation for Holy Marriage takes place with the priest, a retreat, and a sponsor couple. Typically, Fr. Mike meets with couples four times. The first step is to speak with Fr. Mike to get your marriage on the books and begin the process. Sponsor couples are always needed! Additional volunteers are needed to help our parish offer opportunities to celebrate marriages and help enrich them with date nights, dances, retreats.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Contacts: Sr. Joan Miller & Fr. Mike Keucher

This process prepares unbaptized adults, adults from another faith, and adults who were baptized Catholic but never celebrated the sacraments to become full participating members of the Catholic Church. Parishioners also are welcome to be involved in the process as sponsors and/or faith partners. Catholics who have been away from the church or who have a desire to brush-up on their faith are urged to attend. St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes do RCIA together.

Ministries of Faith Formation, cont'd

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

Contact: Fr. Mike Keucher

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is available for those children who want to become full members of the Catholic Church but who “missed” the sacraments at the normal time.



RCIC is therefore necessary when a child who is older than seven years old is not baptized, or when a child who is beyond the second grade needs to receive First Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion. Students who do not get confirmed at the normal time in high school would go through RCIA.

We are happy to work on a very flexible schedule!

Small Christian Communities

Contact: Deacon Tom Hill

The Mission of the Small Christian Communities is to provide support for small faith groups.

This ministry actively promotes small-faith sharing groups in Advent and Lent—and sometimes at other times as well—by choosing a recommended material. Small Christian Communities provide materials and support for those small groups that wish to continue meeting throughout the year by having sample material and books available from which the small faith groups can choose.



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Volunteers are needed to host faith sharing groups. Groups can meet in individual homes or at the parish. If using the parish, please call the parish office for availability.

Ministries of Faith Formation, cont'd

Vacation Bible School

Contact: Billy Cross

Vacation Bible School runs the first week in June from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This is open to all kids from 3-year old preschool through 5th grade. We rely totally on our wonderful volunteer staff of catechists, aides, group leaders, music leaders, decorating crew, etc. Anyone from 6th grade on up is welcomed with open arms to help with this wonderful ministry. Join us and help plant a seed of faith!

Youth Group—High School

Contact: Billy Cross

All high schoolers are welcome to attend youth group on Sunday evenings. Youth group meets at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday and ends at 7:30 p.m. Food is served. Aside from normal weekly meetings, the youth group also does many service projects, trips, and retreats.

Youth Group—Middle School

Contact: Billy Cross

All middle schoolers are welcome to attend youth group on Friday evenings. Youth group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday and ends at 8:00 p.m. Food is served. Aside from normal weekly meetings, the youth group also does many service projects, trips, and retreats.



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Ministries of Faith Formation, cont'd

St. Joseph Catholic School

Principal: Beth Borland

The Catholic Church has a great gift in its massive Catholic School System. Countless nuns spent their whole lives building the schools we now enjoy and benefit from. We are blessed to have a Catholic school as one of the many ministries we offer at St. Joseph. Our school is our main ministry for educating and forming our children in the faith. In the halls of our school, the faith is taught at each grade level. Students not only take religion classes, but Christian principles are integrated into all subjects, from language arts to math to science. Catholicism is in the air that the students breathe. The school has an atmosphere of faith and love, and students learn the virtues here mostly by seeing them being lived out in the daily life of the school. Students who attend St. Joseph are taught religion at each grade level. This includes sacramental preparation for those preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

St. Joseph Catholic School is an accredited school offering preschool through grade five classes.



Preschool:

2 Year Old Program

M-W-F - Half Day

3 Year Old Program

M-W-F - Half Day or Full Day Options

M thru F - Half Day or Full Day Options

4 Year Old Program

M-W-F - Half Day or Full Day Options

M thru F - Half Day or Full Day Options

Mission Statement:

The St. Joseph School Community educates our students by nurturing the whole child - physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually, so that they will develop a life-long love for learning and become responsible Christian members of our society.

Ministries of Faith Formation, cont'd

School Commission

President: Michael Hauk

Chad Stegemiller

Beth Gwinnup

Jeremy O'Connor

Melissa Werst

Jennifer Jersan

Bryan Fischer

Amy Johnson

The School Commission is responsible to the Pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council for: providing input to the performance appraisal of the school administrator, developing goals and objectives specific for the school, reviewing and approving the school budget, reporting on the status of the school in the parish, and directing the implementation of Archdiocesan policy in the parish. Commission members meet every second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

President: Beth Gwinnup

The purpose of the PTO is to promote human and material assistance to the teachers and the school administration. The PTO has a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year.

Elections are held for PTO Officers in the spring. Please contact the school office with any questions.



Ministries of Worship

Adoration Committee

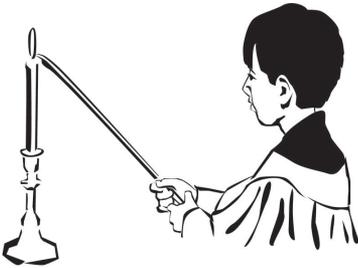
Contact: Jim Kozinski

The Adoration Committee provides and promotes times of special devotion to the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. Team members set up before and after Adoration, coordinate bulletin announcements, and invite various parish groups and organizations to be especially present with Jesus in His Blessed Sacrament. Times for Adoration are listed on page 6 of this resource guide.



Altar Servers

Contact: Fr. Mike Keucher



Altar servers assist the Priest during Holy Mass. Individuals in fourth grade and up are invited to serve in this manner. Training sessions are held throughout the year. Fr. Mike wants at least six servers at every Mass!! This is a wonderful ministry that helps our young people be attentive at Mass. It also helps them to love the Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Contact: Alice Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are individuals who help Father during Mass with the distribution of the Precious Blood and Body of Christ. They are responsible for cleaning up the vessels at the conclusion of Mass and also preparing for the next Mass with the right amount of wine and hosts.

Hospitality Committee

See page 32.

Ministries of Worship, cont'd

Lectors

Contact: Stephanie Lancaster

Lectors are individuals who are responsible for the first and second readings and the petitions before the offertory. They also help with the readings for special occasions.

Music Ministry

Contact: Carolyn Disser

St. Augustine said, “to sing a hymn is to have prayed twice.” How true! We are blessed to have dedicated groups of volunteers who participate in the ministry at St. Joseph. Please consider sharing your gifts with the parish.



Cantors are always needed for Sunday Masses and Holy Days of obligation. Members are happy to help train and prepare individuals for this ministry. Please contact the office to sign up for this ministry!

The Parish Choir sings at Mass twice a month and for Holy Days of obligation. Rehearsals take place regularly. The ability to read music is not required.

The Resurrection Choir sings at all funeral Masses. This group rehearses in the church prior to each Funeral Mass under the direction of Richard Gray.

The Hispanic Choir, coordinated by James Edward Velez, coordinates plays music at the Mass in Spanish each Sunday.

Prayer Line Ministry

Contact: Loretta Eckstein

Volunteers who pray for the needs of parishioners, their families and friends. Participants are notified of requests by phone. We are looking for additional members willing to spend a portion of their prayer time for our many precious enrollees.

Ministries of Worship, cont'd

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Contacts: Lou Ann Ryhal & Jean Armstrong

The mission of the St. Joseph Church Prayer Shawl Ministry is to provide shawls and lap robes for persons who need to be “Wrapped in Prayer”. Anyone can request a prayer shawl or lap robe for a relative or friend, or even for themselves. These garments are given at NO cost to parishioners and non-parishioners.

There are no dues; each of us buy our own yarn. Remember that with each stitch you take, you are stitching a prayer for the one who receives the garment.

Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month, EXCEPT May, November and December. Anyone is welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, beginners or experienced.

St. Anne Altar Society

President: Angie File

Vice President: Erica Chudzinski

Secretary/Treasurer: Kristin Schoettmer

All women of St. Joseph Parish over age 8 are members. The support and dedication of each member is needed to help maintain the needs of the church altar and property. Funds raised through fundraisers help pay expenses such as altar wine, hosts, altar cloths, dry cleaning of robes, altar cloths, vestments, etc. Dues for St. Anne’s Altar Society are \$10.00 per year.



Ushers

Contact: Lou Carter

Individuals who make sure there is proper seating for attendees during mass and direct and assist in seating as needed. Ushers pick up collection before offertory, release pews for communion, and bring up items for communion or find a family to do so. They clean up pews and take the collection to the bank drive-up drop safe.

Ministries of Charity & Outreach

Bereavement Ministry

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Needed

This group offers a year of support to parishioners experiencing loss due to death of a family member. The first year following the death of a close family member (mother, father, husband, wife, child, sister or brother) is when the grieving process can most affect the health of those in mourning. A grief support packet is provided as well as other support during the first year of grief. Volunteers keep the parishioner in their daily prayers and make other contact by phone or mail during the first year. Many parishioners have expressed gratitude for this service since it began in 2001. We continue to seek any volunteers who feel called to help with this ministry.

Christmas Giving Tree Ministry

Contact: Sherry Staehler

This ministry provides Christmas gifts for families, seniors, and singles that might not otherwise have a Christmas. After applications are received through local agencies, gift tags are made to match the applicant's requests. Parishioners take a tag off the tree and return it with the gift. The gifts are then distributed to local agencies.



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Ministries of Charity & Outreach, cont'd

Daughters of Isabella

Regent: Lou Carter

Vice Regent: Diana Weaver

Treasurer: Marla Comstock

Financial Secretary: Sharon Crafton

Recording Secretary: Lisa Baker

Chancellor: Mary Knecht

Custodian: Karen Tronstad

Auditor: Mary Ann Sanders

Auditor: E. Ann Myers

Auditor: Sharon Moore

Scribe: Hope Frasier

The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principles of Unity, Friendship, and Charity. We, as a sisterhood, uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to our members and contributing to the common good of humanity. We are committed to fostering individual participation by way of mutual understanding, charitable activities, and social interaction. Leading the



rosary before the Saturday evening Mass has been a tradition for many years. We also partner with the Knights of Columbus in awarding an annual scholarship to a Catholic graduating high school senior. In conjunction with all the circles in the state of Indiana, we support St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services. Daughters of Isabella meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus conference room. Election of officers is held bi-annually in the month of September and our main fundraisers are the June Salad Luncheon and the October Card and Game Party. Our Circle is a recipient of the International Cross and Crown Award.

Ministries of Charity & Outreach, cont'd

Disaster Preparedness & Response Team

Contacts: Jane Crady, Jo Bartley, Deacon Tom & Judy Hill, & Jan Myers

Disaster can occur any time, anywhere. Fire, flood, tornado, hazardous material spills, the list goes on; no one is immune. But, all can be prepared. Preparedness is necessary for individuals, households and communities to effectively survive and recover from disaster. We, our parish, can be ready to respond, too.

St. Joseph Parish is taking energetic, responsible action toward disaster preparedness and response. The committee's primary responsibility is to serve the needs of the parish and its parishioners in the event of a disaster. Its second responsibility is to serve Shelby County as case management volunteers. The third responsibility is to voluntarily respond when called to assist Catholic Charities relief efforts in Indiana or elsewhere in the U.S. Areas of service include case management, bookkeeping, data entry, construction, administration, counseling, general, labor, transportation, secretarial, etc. Interested persons are encouraged to call any of the team members.



Funeral Meal Ministry

Contacts: Patricia Miller, Sue Rudicel, Betsy Stephen, Donna Mallory, & Teresa Woods



Funeral Meals

Meals can be provided to families of a deceased parishioner on the day of the funeral when it is held at St. Joseph Church or Father performs the funeral. Volunteers do advanced planning, provide and cook the food, help in serving, and clean up after the meal. Any donations of food and/or cash to help with expenses are welcome. Please contact one of the chairwomen for information on how you can help.

Ministries of Charity & Outreach, cont'd

Knights of Columbus (Sacred Heart Council 822)

Grand Knight: Kevin Wager

Club Manager: Tessie Hagerman

The history of the Knights of Columbus' involvement in community life is a record of outstanding benevolent achievement. Knights volunteer in a variety of charitable enterprises to serve the people and programs of their communities. Volunteerism informed by Christian concern is the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. It results in outstanding contributions of time and talent to the Catholic Church, our communities, families, young people and brother Knights. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:15 p.m.

Open Monday - Saturday for lunch:
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Open to the Public for wings on
Wednesday Night from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Also, open to the Public for Dinner every
Friday Night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with
a rotating menu featuring steak, fried
chicken, BBQ ribs, fish during Lent, as
well as other selections. On the second
Sunday of each month a Chicken Dinner
is served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



Banquet facility and Conference room are available for rent. Call Tessie at 398-9914 for information on rentals or Friday night dinners.



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Ministries of Charity & Outreach, cont'd

Respect Life Committee

Contacts:

Debbie Frey, Denny Frey, Dottie Soller,
Margaret Haehl, Joan Knight, Jean Adams, Pat Barley,
& Bob Carmony

The purpose of the Respect-Life Ministry is to promote and defend the sanctity of all human life and family life in our community and around the world according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church through prayer, service and education.

It is the duty of all Catholics to follow the teachings of the church to protect the unborn, promote end-of-life issues and to follow the church's teaching on abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty and war.



Our ministry is very active throughout the year.

Salvation Army Dinner

Contact: Celeste Fischer



St. Joseph, along with other churches, rotate throughout the year to provide a hot Sunday lunch at the Salvation Army. We serve 3 to 4 times a year. A menu is decided upon and various volunteers from our parish provide food, paper products, drinks, desserts, help set-up, serve and clean-up. This ministry has been a service opportunity for youth group, Confirmation students and parishioners. This allows us to be a more active Catholic presence within our local community.

Ministries of Charity & Outreach, cont'd

St. Vincent de Paul Society

President: Jim Carrier

The Mission of St. Vincent de Paul is to serve the poor within the parish boundaries of the parish by providing immediate help and care. St. Vincent de Paul helps individuals and families meet basic needs and achieve self-sufficiency by providing food, clothing, and assistance with rent, utilities and spiritual support. We believe that caring people can make a difference in the lives of others, and that personal and spiritual growth occurs when people become directly involved in helping others. Members of St. Vincent de Paul work in the food pantry, organize and distribute clothing, and work in the distribution center. Any member of the parish is invited to join St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. The only skills needed are a love of the Lord and a generous heart.



Visitation to the Sick & Homebound

Contact: Rosemary Grove

The mission of the Ministry for Visitation of Sick and Shut-ins is to provide communion and a friendly visit to those who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. This ministry requires visits to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences.



If you or someone else you know is not able to leave their home, are in a nursing home or hospital, please notify the parish office at so someone from this ministry can come and visit and administer Holy Communion to them. Institutions are no longer able, due to the HIPPA laws, to notify the parish office when someone is admitted to a hospital, nursing home and such. Please notify the parish office if you, a family member, or a friend is unable to get to

Mass and would like to receive a visit.

Ministries of Community

Church Women United

Contact: Loretta Eckstein

Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement of women founded in 1941 to develop a visible, unified Christian community. Church Women United of Shelby County was organized in 1949 and is made up of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women who celebrate together the reality and relevance of our faith in Jesus Christ. We work for a just, peaceful, and caring society, and to share in Christian friendship, worship and prayer. Current Treasurer of the local unit is Mary Ann Sanders of St. Joseph Parish.



Evangelization Committee

Contact: Gaye McKenney

The mission of the Evangelization Committee is to actively fulfill the mandate of Jesus Christ: "Go and make disciples of all nations." The Evangelization Committee promotes and sponsors programs throughout the year that are designed to reach out to all those who have been away from their faith, those who would like to know more about our faith and those who seek a deeper involvement in our parish community.

Hispanic Ministry Committee

Contacts: James E. Velez & Angelica Tellez

The Comité de Dirección del Ministerio Hispano (Hispanic Ministry Steering Committee) coordinates events for the Hispanic community, which are open to the whole parish. This committee also coordinates the different Spanish Mass liturgical aspects such as Altar Serving, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, and Ushers, as well as different groups such as Christian Family Movement, Promoters and Defenders of the Faith (PRODEFE), and Bible Study.

Ministries of Community, cont'd

Hospitality Committee

Contact: Gaye McKenney

The Mission of the Hospitality Committee is to welcome others as we would welcome Christ. The volunteer members of Hospitality Welcome Committee welcome all parishioners by preparing registration forms and packets for the parish, contacting, welcoming and hosting new parishioner breakfasts to foster faith and promote spiritual community. Friendly, talkative, positive people are needed to make breakfast, make calls, and make copies of registration forms and packets for new parishioners as needed.



Time requirements consist of meeting once a year in January to plan and make changes along with three times a year assisting with the welcoming breakfast which takes place on a Sunday morning after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Small Christian Communities

Contact: Deacon Tom Hill

The Mission of the Small Christian Communities is to provide support for small faith groups. This ministry actively promotes small-faith sharing groups in Advent and Lent—and sometimes at other times as well—by choosing a recommended material. Small Christian Communities provide materials and support for those small groups that wish to continue meeting throughout the year by having sample material and books available from which the small faith groups can choose. Volunteers are needed to host faith sharing groups. Groups can meet in individual homes or at the parish. If using the parish, please call the parish office for availability.



Ministries of Community, cont'd

The St. Joseph Social Club

President: Howard Hamilton

Vice President: E. Ann Myers

Treasurer: Pat Miller

Secretary: Sue Gassert

St. Joe Social Club is a club for recreation and fellowship, where Catholic values are the guidelines. The club was founded in 1979 and presently consists of approximately 200 members. We meet at the knights of Columbus Hall on the third Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m.

Meals are served with these monthly meetings for a nominal fee with reservations and/or cancellations required by noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. Entertainment and special speakers are planned from month to month. Our trip coordinator, Jerry Lawrence, plans various day and overnight trips.



Each month non-perishable items are collected and given to the Salvation Army. Also, a free will offering is made to the Senior Services for their transportation fund. Contributions are also made to other charitable organizations.

Trip Coordinator: Jerry Lawrence (317-398-0010)

Membership Coordinator: Karen Cox (317-398-7161)

Phone 'Buddies' Coordinator: Peggy Forrest (317-398-0084)

Sr. Services Coordinator:

Reservations Coordinator: Peggy Forrest (317-398-0084)

Contact any officer or coordinator for any further information.

Ministries of Community, cont'd

The Wellness Ministry

Contacts:

Dottie Soller, RN, MS

Debbie Frey, RN

The mission of the Parish Nursing Committee is to promote an integration of faith and health through positive lifestyles and activities within our faith community of St. Joseph. We seek to reach out to those benefiting from St. Joseph Church. The goal is to model a holistic way of health; unified body, mind and spirit through self-care for physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of life, and to assist others to do the same. Our focus is on health promotion, health maintenance and illness prevention. We respect life in all ways. Monthly Blood Pressure screening always needs qualified members and qualified bilingual members to help. Individual consultations and educational offerings are available.



“For I will restore you to health; of your wounds I will heal you, says the Lord.” Jer. 30:17

The Web/Online Community Ministry

Contact: Fr. Mike Keucher



The mission of the Web/Online Community Ministry is to support, enhance and update our online presence, through our parish facebook and website.

We are currently searching for a webmaster.

You can find us on Facebook at “St. Joseph Catholic Parish.” The website is www.stjoeshelby.org.