Parish Mission Statement

Following the example of our patron, a righteous and just man, we the members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Marion Illinois, a Eucharistic community formed by the Word, embrace as our mission the following goals:

to promote evangelization, stewardship and community building.

Thomas D. Flach, V.F., Pastor  
Cindy Yong, Coordinator of Parish Ministries  
Jenny Martin, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Shannon Sullins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Alex Hendrickson, Music Director  
Patty Lynn, Choir Director  
LaVerne Williams, Secretary  
Randy Barton, Maintenance

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"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

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Mass Intentions

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<td>-8:00 † Deceased Members of Heinz &amp; Broemmel Families</td>
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Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Remember all the sick and homebound of our parish especially: Debe Amaro, Maria Brooks, Dennis & Kay Darter, Mary Jean DeMattei, Evan Dubicki, Chuck Grant, Delores Henson, Debbie Hopkins, Randall Houston, Euline Kimmel, Alex Kloepfer, Pat Lucier, Laura Macier Marra, John Macier, Paul Mohr, Richard Mohr, Rev. James Neuman, Sharon Oliver, Ron Schuizer, Ken Sine, Herbert Soberg, Sean Spicer, and Mary Venturo.

Pray for Those in the Military

We remember in prayer our parishioners, relatives and friends serving in the military, especially Derek Ian Horowicz Douglas Karl, and David Wood. Pray for peace in the world.

This Week

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† Father Jerome H. Hibner, priest of the Diocese, died last week.

Please remember Father Hibner in your prayers.

In Loving Remembrance

Readings for the Week of November 29

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Thank You!

The Youth Ministry Gala was a great success. Thank you to all of the youth and committee members who helped make the evening festive. After expenses, the Youth profited a whopping $2,955. This will help the our pilgrims on their pilgrimage to Poland.
**Sharing God’s Gifts**

Donations for November 22, 2015

- **Weekly Budget Goal:** $7891
- **Sunday Offering (125)**: $4996
- **Loose**: $525
- **E-giving (7)**: $273
- **Total:** $5794
- **Candles**: $56
- **CCHD (39)**: $928

“For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.” Lk 6:38

**Church Renovation**

Contributions(5) for November 22: $1225

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**Merry Christmas/Happy New Year**

It is not too early to think about the holidays. Will you be here for Christmas and/or New Years? Would you like to be a Minister one of those days? If you are going to be here and would like to serve, please email (secsjm@frontier.com) or call 993-3194, opt. 1 and let LaVerne know.

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**Home Bound and Hospital Visits**

Please call if you or a family member would like to receive a visit from Monsignor Flach or one of the parishioners. Please call Rita Dutton at 889-7215 or call the office at 993-3194, opt. 1.

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**Spotlight on Our Advertisers**

Please support the advertisers of our Sunday Bulletin. This week we express our thanks to Thomas Crosby of Winters, Brewster, Crosby & Schafer, LLC ○ PO Box 700, Marion ○ 997-5611.

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**Hospice of Southern Illinois Volunteer**

Share your time and talents. Join the Hospice of Southern Illinois team to make friends, help others and make a difference! Join over 500 specially trained volunteers in 27 counties who help us continue our mission to enhance the quality of life for individuals and their loved ones touched by a terminal illness.

Visit patients and their families through their end-of-life journey; let your talents thrive with music, art, writing and more; assist with clerical, community education and fundraising.

For more information, please call 618-997-3030 or visit [www.hospice.org](http://www.hospice.org).

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**Ministry Assignments**

**Saturday, December 5 - 5:00 pm**

- **L**: Miranda Groh
- **EM**: M Gabby, T Hopkins, S Humphrey, L Mateosevac
- **V**: McGlashen, C Neuman, J & ME Pickar
- **S**: C Bruce, D Groh, M Groh
- **HM**: M Kilpatrick, L Williams, Volunteer

**Sacristan Volunteer**

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**Sunday, December 6 - 8:00 am Mass**

- **L**: Dalycce Rupert
- **EM**: R Amaro, T Ivastainin, S Phillips, B Spicer, I Stanley
- **S**: C Arnold, A McCarty, H Millette
- **HM**: S Dingrando, D & C Haas, J Phillips

**Sacristan C Gibbons**

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**Sunday, December 6 - 11:00 am Mass**

- **L**: Gene Wiggins
- **EM**: R Kirschbaum, A Lees, DO Leary, S Sena, T Shively, M Wiggins, 2 Volunteers
- **S**: C Rodriguez, C Rodriguez, S Rodriguez
- **HM**: C Ehrhardt, K Martin, T Rabideau, MMangan

**Sacristan Jenny Martin**

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**CLW**: Christy Holmes

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**King’s House Days of Prayer and Retreat and Renewal**

700 N. 66th St., Belleville, 800-779-7909

**Women Weaving**

Weaving our lives together—an opportunity for women to share their faith and their spiritual journeys. First Thursday of the month from October through May from 7:00-9:00 pm

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**Remember St. Joseph Church**

Stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can cost you a lot of capital gains taxes, but they can also make substantial gifts to St. Joseph. Consider such a gift.

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**Retrouvaille**

You can help your Marriage

25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? For more information visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of January 29, 2016.
**Respect Life Corner**

**Faith is a Source of Radiance.** Faith in God helps us realize how sacred we are as human beings. We remember how God’s loving gaze is fixed upon us, and how much He desires for us to reach our potential and become all that we are meant to be.

**Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Our faith is a source of radiance into every area of life. It helps us see other human beings as gifts, as persons to be respected and loved for their own sake, rather than objects to be used or taken for granted. Pray that this light will radiate to others so that we can effectively reflect God’s love to all we meet, building up a culture of life.

**Child Protection**

Just a reminder that there are forms for Child Protection that need to be updated once a year with an online course that can be found at [safeandsacred-diobelle.org](http://safeandsacred-diobelle.org/). If you are interested in working and participating with the youth of St. Joseph Church and you have not been child protection trained, please contact Jenny Martin at 618-751-2160 for more information.

**Church League Basketball**

Do you want to play basketball? The Church League Basketball season will begin soon. If you are not on a school team and you participate at St. Joseph Church, you are eligible to play. If you are a good, bad or average player, St. Joseph Church Team wants you to join and have fun. St. Joseph Church pays all the fees, so there is no cost to you. Please let Shannon Sullins know if you are interested in playing basketball in the Church League. You can email her with your response at cymsjm@frontier.com.

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, “As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful.” Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Outreach**

If you did not get to be a Secret Santa and you would still like to participate—consider making a donation to the Secret Santa program. Any monies will be donated to Caritas Family Solutions. Drop off your donation or put it in the offering basket in an envelope marked to Outreach. Make the check payable to St. Joseph. Or you can make a direct donation to Caritas, 10286 Fleming Road, Carterville, 62918. Checks should be made payable to Secret Santa. Sue Humphrey

**Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe**

On December 11, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Luke’s account of the “Visitación” is a very appropriate Gospel reading for this day. On this day we celebrate another Visitación, one to a humble man named Juan Diego at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. Our Blessed Mother shared the message of love, hope, compassion, help and protection. Just like the first Visitación, this visit was an encounter that changed the course of history. Our Blessed Mother’s visit helped to build bridges between cultures and worlds, in 7 years, 9 million conversions took place. Let us all join in the celebration of the joyous Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

El 11 de Diciembre celebraremos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. San Lucas da cuenta de la "Visitación" en su Evangelio, que es muy apropiado para este día. En este día celebramos otra visitación, una a un hombre humilde llamado Juan Diego en Tepeyac, una colina al noroeste de lo que hoy es la Ciudad de México. Nuestra Santísima Madre compartió el mensaje de amor, esperanza, compasión, ayuda y protección. Al igual que la primera visita, esta visita fue un encuentro que cambió el curso de la historia. La visita de Nuestra Madre Santísima ayudó a construir puentes entre culturas y mundos, en 7 años, 9 millones de conversiones ocurrieron. Participemos todos en la celebración de esta fiesta gozosa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.
**Project Manna**

The Ministerial Alliance is asking for crackers, Mac & cheese, box dinners, shampoo, cereal, tuna fish, toilet paper, canned soup, bar soap, deodorant, canned fruit and powdered laundry detergent. You can drop off your donations at the Alliance on Calvert Street or leave them in the containers at Church.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is December 4th to 6th. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

**Message from TDF**

**Evangelization, Stewardship & Community Building**

Human beings cannot live without hope. So essential is hope to human life, that we cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope is to surrender to death in despair. During the season of Advent we read from the Old Testament to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being’s: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, and an end of suffering, pain and misery.

Tuesday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, begins the Jubilee Year of Mercy as promulgated by Pope Francis. The theme of the year is *Merciful Like the Father*. Throughout the Diocese, the South Vicariate and in our parish there will be opportunities for pray, study and times to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, which are acts by which we can perform, that extend God’s compassion and mercy to those in need. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned and to bury the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: to counsel the doubtful, to instruct the ignorant, to admonish sinners, to comfort the afflicted, to forgive offenses, to bear wrongs patiently and to pray for the living and the dead.

**Remind 101**

What is remind and why do I need it?

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that will help us share important updates and reminders about what is happening in our St. Joseph Parish Family.

Everyone in your family is encouraged to sign-up: Dad, Mom, Kids, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts.

**Simple Steps to Join:**

Step 1: Go to your text messaging

Step 2: Create a new message to phone number 81010 (and yes, this is the whole number).

Step 3: Text this message @a803dd2 and send.

You will receive a response asking you for your full name.

Step 4: Go ahead and text back your full name and that’s it. You are done!

**Men for Christ**

Men for Christ Retreat will be on December 19-21 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Males between the ages of High School Juniors to age 35 are welcomed. For details and to register go to www.bellevillevocations.com