

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday (Vigil) 6:00pm -- Sunday 10:00am

Daily Mass: Thursday: 8:00am

Communion Service: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 8:00am

Confessions: Thurs 8:30-9:15am, Sun 9:30-9:50am or by Appt.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday 8:30am

Scriptural Rosary: Mondays 8:30am

Choir Practice: Tuesdays 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8:30am - Noon

Weekly Parish Offering

Weekend Envelopes	\$9,705.30
Weekend Loose Cash	\$396.00
Building Fund	\$632.00
Holy Day:	\$0.00
Special: The Catholic University of America	\$191.00
Other: PSR	\$225.00
Total	\$11,149.30

**THANK
YOU!**

September 5-6, 2026

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
124	187	311

September 6-7, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
97	246	343

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule September 19-20, 2026

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	Pat Boyett & Mary Gillock
Lector	Becky Donaldson
Eucharistic Ministers	Monica Sottoriva*, Judy Hussey*, Julie Boente, John Kelly, Joe Direso, Susan Millard
Gift Bearers	Killam Family
Altar Servers	Logan Killam, 2 Volunteers Needed

Sunday at 9:30am

Ushers	Paula Schaeffer & Dana Yowell
Lector	Vaughn Whiteman
Eucharistic Ministers	Janice Bellm*, Robert Bellm, Michele Miller, Gayle Nafziger, Stevie Siepka, Vaughn Whiteman
Gift Bearers	Erickson Family
Altar Servers	Charlie Behme, Kane Siepka, Callan Rowe
Children's Liturgy	Mariah Eilerman, Mary Behme, 1 Student Volunteer Needed (8th-12th graders)

In charity, please remember in your prayers:

... our military personnel, especially: Matthew Gazda, Stefan Gazda, Broc Horn, Bryan Murphy Jr., Gary Wilson

... the sick and those in need: Josh Carter, Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker, Tonya Koller, Grey Smith, Peggy Geurin, Jessica Williams, Jackie Malt, Karen Joiner, Sherry Huff, Peggy Tieman, John Stankoven, Ron Paul, Mary Ann Pollitt, Betty Wehking, Brad Reid, Brian Iben, Jake Boehm, Val Knight, Veronica Payne-Morse, Jodi Wiggins

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	09/12	6:00 pm	Annette Rosentreter ☩
Sun.	09/13	9:30 am	Praying the Rosary
		10:00 am	George & Evelyn Lacy ☩
Mon.	09/14	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	09/15	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	09/16	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	09/17	8:00 am	Bob Kates ☩
			Bob Huyar ☩
Fri.	09/18	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	09/19	6:00 pm	Jack Stankoven ☩
			Tom Burns ☩
Sun.	09/20	9:30 am	Praying the Rosary
		10:00 am	Bob Wubben ☩
			Walter Burger, Jr ☩

Children's Liturgy of the Word: A Little Clarification

One of the good things happening at our Sunday Liturgy is the "Children's Liturgy of the Word". This is made possible by the dedication and commitment of a wonderful team of volunteers, Melissa Suits, Sandy Lane, Molly Hutson, Kali Boente, Mariah Eilerman and some helpers. A big thank you to everyone of them. We are also grateful to Amy Killam for making sure our volunteers are scheduled for this important ministry.

At the same time, there have been some understandable confusion and questions asked about Children's **Liturgy of the Word**: who it is for, what age children can participate; Can children under kinder garden age participate and so on. I thought to clarify these questions for everyone's benefit.

What is the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity for younger children to hear the same Sunday Scripture readings for the weekend but explained in a way that is more appropriate and understandable for their age. After the Opening Prayer, the children are dismissed with adult leaders to another space for the Scripture readings, reflection, and prayer. They then return to the church and rejoin their families for the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, at the time of the preparation of the gifts. It does not replace participation in Sunday Mass rather it helps young children become familiar with God's Word and learn how it applies to their everyday lives as well.

Who should participate?

There is no universal Church rule establishing a specific age or grade. In general, Children's Liturgy of the Word is intended especially for **younger children who have not yet received First Communion**, roughly **preschool through Grade 3**. Children under 4 are usually asked to remain with their parents as the Liturgy of the Word is a structured part of the Liturgy and not a baby-sitting service. The little ones need more attention, and we have less than fifteen minutes. Our purpose is to **help the children encounter Jesus and His Word in a way they can understand**. Parents remain the first and most important teachers of their children in faith, and the Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant to support that role.

What about Student Helpers?

Please note student helpers for Children's Liturgy of the Word are young people in 8th through 12th grade.

For our elementary & middle school children, participation in the Liturgy of the Word with the parish community is an integral part of their faith formation. Younger students leaving Mass as "helpers" would take them away from the very participation they are expected to grow into.

By 8th grade, our young people are reaching a different stage of formation. Serving as a Children's Liturgy helper can then become an opportunity for ministry & leadership. Our older students can assist the adult leaders, model prayer & reverence for the younger children, & begin taking greater responsibility for serving within their parish community.

As children grow and are able to understand and participate more fully in the regular Liturgy of the Word, they should normally remain in church with the entire assembly. Above all, we want our children to know that **they belong to our parish family and have an important place at the table of the Lord**. Thank you to our families, catechists, and Children's Liturgy volunteers for helping us form our children in faith.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe



PSR CORNER

Wednesday, September 16: Mandatory Parent Meeting at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall

PSR Time: Wednesdays from 4-5pm (doors open at 3:50pm)

Upcoming PSR Classes:

Sept 23, Sept 30, Oct 7, Oct 14

2nd & 3rd Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.

No Snacks Needed

Youth Group Time & Upcoming Classes: TBD

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Upcoming Meetings

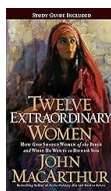
Tues, Sept 15: KC Mtg at 7pm

Wed, Sept 16: Building Committee Mtg at 6pm

Mon, Sept 21: KC Aux Mtg at 6pm (Salad Supper)

Important Date & Information

Twelve Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Stories Take a closer look at twelve ordinary women who were made extraordinary by a life-changing encounter with God. Their stories will challenge, motivate, encourage, and inspire you. Join us Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm in the Ss. Simon & Jude School Conference Room beginning September 14. Call Mary at 217-825-9171. Books are available to order for \$10.50 through Amazon. Please let us know when you sign up if you would like a book ordered.



Weekend of Sept 19/20: 50+ Years of Marriage Blessing Fr. Joe will offer a special blessing during Mass of parish members who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage in 2026.

Mon, Sept 21 - Thurs, Sept 24: Priests' Convocation

Fr. Joe will be in Florissant, MO attending the Priests' Convocation, which is where all the priests of the diocese meet with the Bishop. There will be no daily Masses during this week.