

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

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Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator and liaison between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor-- (217) 321-1155.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30pm -- Sunday 9:30am
Daily Mass: Thursday: 8:00am
Communion Service: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 8:00am
Confessions: Thurs 8:30-9:15am, Sun 9-9:25am 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	\$2,084.00
Weekend Loose Cash	\$352.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Holy Day: All Saints, All Souls	\$10.00
Special: World Mission Sunday	\$198.00
Other: PSR	\$50.00
Total	\$2,794.00

**THANK
YOU!**

October 25-26, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
68	242	310

October 26-27, 2024

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
72	203	275

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule November 08-09, 2025

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	Knights of Columbus
Lector	Becky Donaldson
Eucharistic Ministers	John Kelly, Jodi Rowe, 1 Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers	Rowe Family
Altar Servers	Murphy Rowe, Callan Rowe, Ella Rosentreter

Sunday 9:30am

Ushers	Eric & Lisa Ogden & Ann Johnston
Lector	Susan Millard
Eucharistic Ministers	Janice Bellm, Tom Broaddus, Audrey Costello
Gift Bearers	Swan Family
Altar Servers	Addisyn Swan, SofiaSimone Lane, Spencer Lane
Children's Liturgy	Kali Boente, Halle Bredel, Makayla Koller

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: Tonya Koller, Garrett Wehking, John Stankoven, Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker, Peggy Geurin, Josh Carter, Joyce Crum Ross, Wally Dyer, Jeff Link, Michelle Destatte, Whitney Dworzynski, Kristen Smith, John Reid, Bill Groves, Karen Dworzynski, Karen Joiner, Matthew Alepra, John O'Brien, Jackie Malt

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	11/01	5:30 pm	Ray "Beaver" Coatney ✠
Sun.	11/02	9:30 am	Ray & Lil Plute ✠
Mon.	11/03	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	11/04	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	11/05	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	11/06	8:00 am	John Harry Formea ✠
Fri.	11/07	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	11/08	5:30 pm	Ken Emery ✠ Gene Bellm ✠
Sun.	11/09	9:30 am	Deb Rathgeb ✠

**PSR CORNER****PSR Time: Wednesdays from 3:45pm - 5:00pm****Upcoming PSR Classes:**

Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19, Nov 26 (No PSR)

2nd & 3rd Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.**Attention 3rd Grade Parents:** First Reconciliation will be during PSR on Wednesday, November 19.**Youth Group Time: Sundays from 6:00pm - 8:00pm****Upcoming Youth Group Classes:**

Nov 9



Thank you to everyone to helped make this year's SSMJ Youth Group Halloween Parade Float possible! All the candy donated, all the hard work on the float and a **special thank you** to Michele Miller for organizing everything! You guys did an amazing job!

Jodi Rowe, DRE CarlinvilleDRE@gmail.com**Tues, Nov 4:** CCCSC Mtg 6:30pm**Sun, Nov 9:** SVDP Mtg 9:00am**Wed, Nov 12:** Parish Council Mtg 6:30pm**Mon, Nov 17:** KC Aux Mtg 6:30pm**Important Dates & Information****Sunday, November 2: Sunday Social**

The Women's Group will be hosting coffee & donuts with the KC's biscuits & gravy after *THIS Sunday's* 9:30am Mass. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship & fun!

Wednesday, November 5: Blood Drive

SSMJ is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401 or scan QR Code. Volunteers are needed, if interested please call Reda Scanlan at 217-556-9781.

Friday, November 7: KC Fish Fry

KC Fish Fry will be held Friday, November 7 serving from 4pm-7pm. River Fish, White Fish, Shrimp, French Fries and Cole Slaw. Dine in or carry out available at the Moose.

Mon, Nov 10 & Tues, Nov 11: It's time to make that delicious Peanut Brittle & Toffee.

We will be making candy Nov. 10 & 11 starting at 8:30am. We need sugar & volunteers. Donations of sugar may be dropped off at the office during office hours. Volunteer sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Sunday, November 9: Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner St. Joseph will be hosting their annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner in their hall on Sun, Nov 9 beginning at 5pm. Turkey, pork roast, dressing, & rolls will be provided. Everyone in our Tri-Parish Community is welcome to attend. The price of admission is a side dish and/or a dessert. Anyone from Ss Mary & Joseph wishing to attend may call Cindy Saracco at (217) 835- 2623. Bring your family & join us for some great food & fellowship.

**Sunday, Nov 16: SVDP Appreciation Breakfast after Mass**

Once again, the St. Vincent de Paul Members would like to thank all the parishioners for their continuous generosity & support of our 5th Sunday Collections! *We appreciate each & every one of you so very much!*

Fall Back! Remember to set your clocks back one hour this weekend. This is also a great time to check your smoke detector batteries.

**Series on the Mass – Week 4****The Preparation of the Gifts: Offering Ourselves to God**

Today we come to the next part of the Mass: the **Preparation of the Gifts**, often called the **Offertory**. This is a moment that can easily slip by unnoticed, **but it is full of meaning.**

During this time, members of the congregation bring forward the gifts of bread & wine, along with our offerings for the needs of the Church & the poor. At first glance, it might seem like a simple practical step—we need bread & wine for the Eucharist, & we take up a collection to keep the parish running. But in reality, something **far deeper is happening here.**

The bread & wine represent more than just food & drink. They **symbolize our whole lives**—our work, our joys, our struggles, our prayers, even our weaknesses. Think about it: bread is made from many grains of wheat, crushed & ground together. Wine is made from many grapes, pressed & poured out. In the same way, **all of us bring the pieces of our lives together & place them on the altar.**

When **the priest** lifts the bread & prays, *“Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation...”*, he **is really offering us to God.** We are saying: “Lord, here I am. Take my life, my work, my family, my hopes. **Transform them.**” And what does God do? He takes these simple gifts of bread & wine—and through the Eucharistic Prayer, He transforms them into the Body & Blood of Christ. If God can transform bread & wine, He can **transform us too.**

This is also why **the collection** matters. When we place our offering in the basket, it is **not just about money. It is a sign of our gratitude & participation.** We are giving a part of ourselves back to God, supporting the mission of the Church, & caring for those in need.

Pope Benedict once said: *“The offertory is not just about bread & wine. It is the place where we offer our whole existence to God, so that it may become united with Christ's offering.”*

So next time you see the gifts brought forward, don't let your mind wander. Imagine your own life being carried up with that bread & wine. Place yourself spiritually on the altar. And trust that God will take what you offer, bless it, transform it, & give it back to you as the very life of Christ. To be continued...

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! *Fr. Joe*

To whomever left the sweet note & Hawthorne gift card on my desk, **THANK YOU!!** That was so nice & I really appreciate your thoughtfulness! Amy

New Weekly Giving Envelopes: We are planning to start Jan 1, 2026 with new weekly contribution envelopes.

What we need from each of you by November 30:

- If you currently receive envelopes and do not want them anymore please let the office know.
- If you currently do not receive envelope and you do want to start receiving envelopes, please let the office know.
- If you have recently moved, please let me office know your new mailing address.
- If you don't have any changes, then you are all set!

If you have any questions please call 217-854-7151 or email secretaryssmj@gmail.com. Thank You in advance for helping us make sure our records are correct! Thank You!