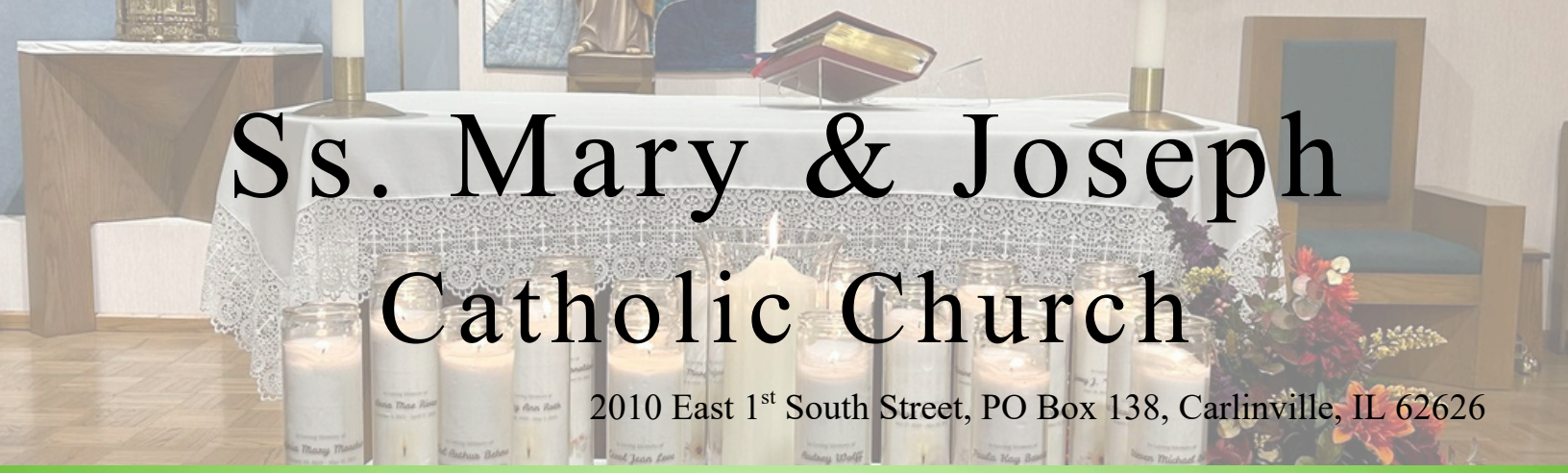


Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church

2010 East 1st South Street, PO Box 138, Carlinville, IL 62626

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 16, 2026
through
Sunday, November 22, 2026

Changes to the schedule will be announced on Facebook

Monday	8:00am	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:00am	Communion Service
Wednesday	8:00am	Communion Service
Thursday	8:00am	Daily Mass
Friday	8:00am	Communion Service
Saturday	6:00pm	Weekend Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Weekend Mass

PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

Scriptural Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Mondays 8:30am



Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays 8:30am-Noon

Reconciliation
Thursdays 8:30-915am
Sundays 9:30-9:50am
By Appointment

Rosary
Sundays 9:30

Welcome to Ss. Mary & Joseph!

Whether you are an existing member, visiting family or new to the Parish we are happy you are here. If you are new to our parish, please call the office to register or to know more about our Parish Family. We look forward to meeting you!

Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm, 3:30pm-5:30pm

Pastor
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Facebook @ Ss.Mary&JosephCatholicChurch
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 217-250-9657

Diocesan Website: www.dio.org
Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator &liaison between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor– (217) 321-1155.

FROM THE PASTOR

Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC jkoyickal@dio.org

A GIFT FOR JESUS: Prepare Your Personal Gift for Jesus This Christmas!

The Holy season of Advent is approaching fast. This is one of the busiest times of the year. We decorate our homes, shop for Christmas gifts, prepare special meals, greet and exchange gifts, attend parties, and make all kinds of arrangements to celebrate Christmas. These are beautiful traditions, and they bring joy to our families.

But amid all our preparations, there is one danger: **we can become so busy preparing for Christmas that we forget the One whose birthday we are celebrating!**

We prepare our homes, but do we prepare our hearts? We buy gifts for one another, but what special gift are we preparing for Jesus? This Advent, let us make a special effort not to miss Christ in our Christmas preparations! Can you spare 5-6 minutes each day for Jesus?

Here is a simple Family Advent Challenge

I invite every family in our parishes to take part in a simple but meaningful Advent activity: **Prepare a special Christmas gift for Jesus as a family!** Here is what it is all about. Simple and plain! All can join. No age bar!!

1. **Prepare an Advent wreath.** Make one together as a family or purchase one. Place it in a special location in your home where the family can gather for a few minutes of prayer every day.
2. **Gather around the Advent wreath every day.** Set aside just five or six minutes at a convenient time. It could be before or after dinner, before bedtime, or whenever the family can come together. You can do as an individual too, if not available for a common time. Each week, we will reflect on one of the four Advent themes: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. A short reflection, a Scripture passage, a question for reflection or sharing, and a family prayer. You will also be given some suggestions for act of love, kindness or charity to choose from. Do one of those things each day as explained below. This will help us prepare our hearts for Jesus. You will be provided with a flyer each week with prayers and the suggestions for good deeds.
3. **Make every day an opportunity to give Jesus a gift.** Each day, choose at least one simple act of kindness, love, charity, forgiveness, or sacrifice. Every member of the family is encouraged to do at least one good deed each day. It need not be anything extraordinary. Helping someone at home, sharing with a person in need, forgiving someone, visiting someone who is lonely, offering a prayer for someone, or making a small personal sacrifice can become a beautiful gift to Jesus.
4. **Collect your gifts for Jesus!** After your daily act of kindness, write it on a small slip of paper and place it in a special family box. You may call it your "Family Gift to Jesus Box." As the days go by, your box will fill up with little gifts: not toys, money, or material things, but acts of love offered to Jesus.
5. **Bring your gifts to Jesus on Christmas!** On Christmas Day, bring your family's collected slips of paper to church. We will have a special collection box in the church where all families can drop their gifts of good deeds. These gifts will be brought forward along with the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory procession at Mass, symbolizing the love, prayers, kindness, and sacrifices that our families have offered to Jesus throughout Advent. Let this Advent be different. Let us not simply count the days until Christmas. Let us fill each day with love, goodness, and kindness.

Thus this Christmas, when we come to the manger, let us not come empty-handed. Let us bring Jesus a heart full of love and a box full of good deeds!

May every family make room for Jesus, and may every home become a little Bethlehem!

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! 

PARISH NEWS

The PSR Program is creating a Christmas Tree for the Carlivinville Area Hospital & Clinics Festival of Trees which will be at the Bates Building at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds on November 20-21. Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with "Glory to God in the Highest," a beautiful tree inspired by the wonder of Christ's birth and the joy of the Christmas season. Adorned with wooden angels lovingly colored by our PSR children, this tree is a heartfelt reminder of the innocence, creativity, and faith of our youngest parishioners. Nestled among the lower branches, a beautiful Nativity scene brings the story of Jesus' birth to life, reminding us of the greatest gift ever given. A radiant Star of Bethlehem shines from the top, while soft, flowing fabric and twinkling lights cascade down the sides, creating a warm, heavenly glow. A rustic burlap tree skirt completes the look, adding a touch of natural charm to this meaningful Christmas display. More than just a Christmas tree, "Glory to God in the Highest" is a celebration of faith, family, community, and the love of Christ. Each detail reflects the beauty of the season and the message proclaimed by the angels on that holy night: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!*

Sun, Nov 22: Cursillo Ultreya Brunch will be held at Ss. Mary & Jopseph Parish Hall after 10am Mass. This is open to anyone from the Tri-Parish community whether you have attended a Cursillo weekend or not. This is an excellent opportunity to discover why more than 30 parishioners from SSMJ have taken the time to attend a Cursillo Weekend in Quincy. Breakfast brunch and fellowship after Mass followed by some spiritual reflection. For more information or to RSVP please call/text Dan Kallal at 217-473-3734.

Sun, Dec 13: Christmas Caroling Mark your calendars! Benld & Gillespie parishes plan to go Christmas caroling the afternoon of Sun, Dec 13 and all from the Tri-Parish Family are welcome to join in the fun! We will meet at Ss. Simon & Jude parking lot behind the school at 1pm. If any Benld or Gillespie residents are interested in having carolers visit their home, contact Roger at 217-839-4036. Please provide your name, physical address and phone number. Time constraints limit us to visiting just a few homes in Benld and Gillespie, as well as the nursing home.



On behalf of all of us at ImpactLife, thank you so much for your hard work sponsoring last week's blood drive. Below are the official blood drive results; what an excellent blood drive! You should be very proud of the outcome! *Thank You to all Hearthland, UCB & Bank & Trust for thier donations. Also a special Thank You to Beth Young & Reda Scanlan for all thier hard work.* 45 donors presented to give, 43 units of blood collected in total, 35 whole blood units, 6 red cell units (3 double red donations), 2 platelet units, 2 first time presenting donors! Over 110 lives saved with the donations collected. Thank You so much for making this possible!!

The Week Ahead

Please note that calendar events are based on requests for reservations, and we are not always informed when events are cancelled. If you have any quetions if an event is happening, please contact the head of that committee/group.

Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22
KC Aux Meeting at 6pm	KC Meeting 7pm	**PSR 4-5pm** **Thanksgiving Mass at 5:15pm**				Rosary at 9:30am **Cursillo Brunch after 10am Mass**



PSR CORNER

Jodi Rowe, DRE jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com

Growing in Faith • Growing Together

Little Acts of Love, Extraordinary Faith

When Jesus tells us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for those in need, He isn't simply encouraging kindness. He is teaching us how to recognize and serve Him in others.

These actions are part of the Corporal Works of Mercy, seven ways Catholics are called to put their faith into action.

Sometimes we imagine that serving God requires doing something extraordinary. But holiness often looks much simpler: sharing a meal, visiting someone who is lonely, donating a warm coat, or helping a neighbor without being asked.

Our own PSR students are putting this teaching into practice! Our fourth-grade class is collecting gloves, hats, and scarves for children in need, and first-grade is collecting baby items: diapers, wipes, clothing, toys, bottles, and baby food, as part of their St. Vincent de Paul service project.

A challenge for every family: Choose one Work of Mercy to practice together this week. Remember, even the smallest act of love can become something beautiful when offered to God.

✦ Catholic Fun Fact ✦

Did you know a saint once cut his cloak in half for a stranger? St. Martin of Tours was a young Roman soldier when he encountered a freezing beggar. Having nothing else to give, Martin cut his military cloak in two and shared half with the man. That night, Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the cloak he had given away! The Church celebrates St. Martin's feast day on **November 11**. His story reminds us that when we care for someone in need, we are serving Christ Himself.

<u>Coming Up at PSR</u>

November 18 - Regular PSR & Family Thanksgiving Mass at 5:15pm
November 22 - Deadline for donations of children's gloves, hates, and scares. Collection baskets are in the narthex & PSR hallway.
November 25 - No PSR (Thanksgiving)

Sacramental Formation Reminder

Children in 2nd and 3rd grade must regularly attend both PSR and Sunday Mass as part of their preparation and to remain eligible to receive their sacraments.

A Journey in Faith
OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation
(formerly known as RCIA)

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a welcoming journey of faith for adults who want to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is a time to ask questions, explore Scripture, discover the beauty of the Catholic faith, and grow in a deeper relationship with God.

If you would like more information please contact the parish office or Don Reid.

<u>Classes will be held in the Conference Room at 7pm</u>

We will be taking a break in December. Next class will be in January.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14
6:00pm Vigil Charlie Boyett +
Bob Wubben +

Sunday, November 15
10:00am Bob Huyear +
John Burger +

Thursday, November 19
8:00am For the health & wellbeing of our Parish Family

Saturday, November 21
6:00pm Vigil Howard & Rita Fishburn +

Sunday, November 22
10:00am Jack Stankoven +

STEWARDSHIP
MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Weekend Envelopes, Checks & Cash
$7,406.55

Building Fund & PSR
$745.00

Holy Day: All Saints, All Souls, Christmas Flowers
$698.00

Special:
$0.00

Total: $8,849.55

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Counts
Sat, 11/07/26: 65
Sun, 11/08/26: 280
Total: 345

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS 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, Ron Paul, Mary Ann Pollitt, Betty Wehking, Brad Reid, Brian Iben, Jake Boehm, Veronica Payne-Morse, Jodi Wiggins, Margie Oftedahl, Mike Chandler, Hadley Vaughn, Seth Flure

WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY:

Matthew Gazda, Stefan Gazda, Broc Horn, Bryan Murphy Jr., Gary Wilson

SS. MARY & JOSEPH HAS A TEAM OF PRAYER WARRIORS THAT ARE COMMITTED TO PRAYING FOR YOUR INTENTIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN INTENTION INCLUDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 6:00pm Vigil

Ushers:	**Volunteer Needed**
Lector:	Terri Reid
Euch. Ministers:	Monica Sottoriva*, Dave Reid*, Terri Reid, Joe Direso, John Kelly, **Volunteer Needed**
Gift Bearers:	LeVora Family
Altar Servers:	Brantley Koller, John White, Annagrace White

Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 10:00am

Ushers:	Chris & Kelly Behme
Lector:	Dan Hussey
Euch. Ministers:	Kara Harris*, Scott Harris*, Judy Hussey, Kathy Stankoven, Val Knight, Claudia Malin
Gift Bearers:	Crain Family
Altar Servers:	Boen Suits, Kane Siepka, Charlie Behme
Children's Lit:	Melissa Suits, Tanner Suits, Avery Suits

SSMJ WOMEN'S GROUP

Famous Candy

FOR SALE

Peanut Brittle
$12 per box



Toffee
$12 per box









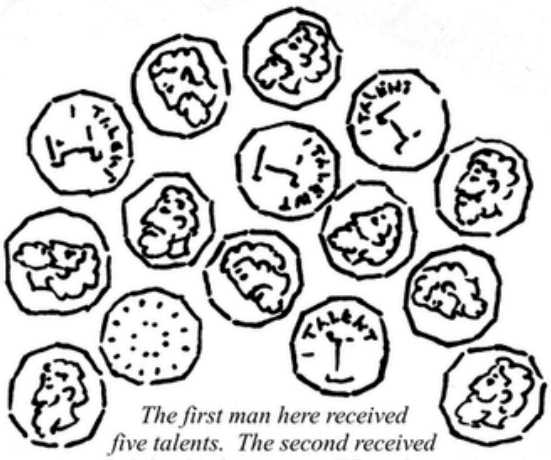




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The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15th, 2026



The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.

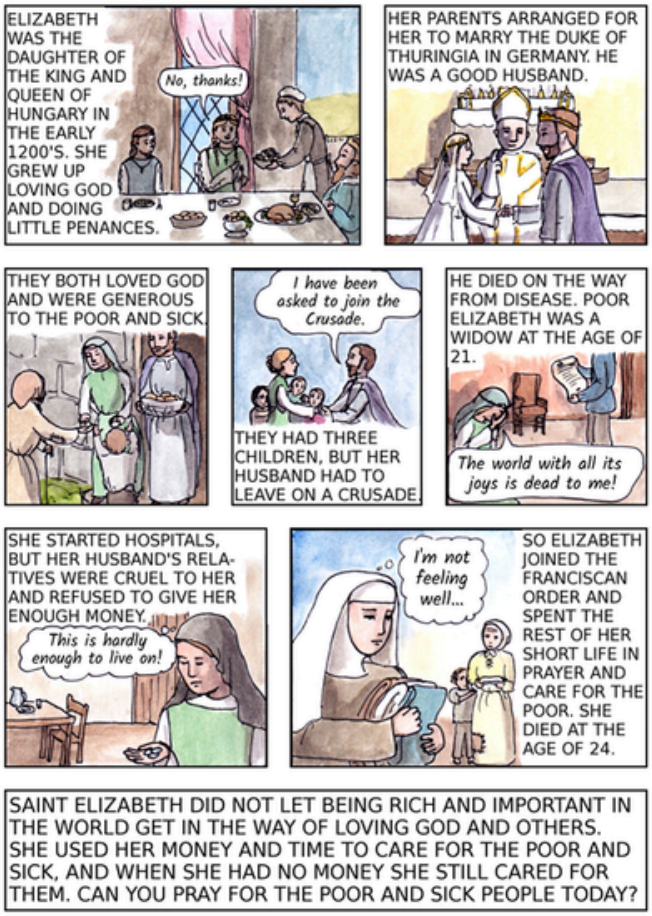


Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
November 17



SAINT ELIZABETH DID NOT LET BEING RICH AND IMPORTANT IN THE WORLD GET IN THE WAY OF LOVING GOD AND OTHERS. SHE USED HER MONEY AND TIME TO CARE FOR THE POOR AND SICK, AND WHEN SHE HAD NO MONEY SHE STILL CARED FOR THEM. CAN YOU PRAY FOR THE POOR AND SICK PEOPLE TODAY?

Use Your Talents!



God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.

What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?

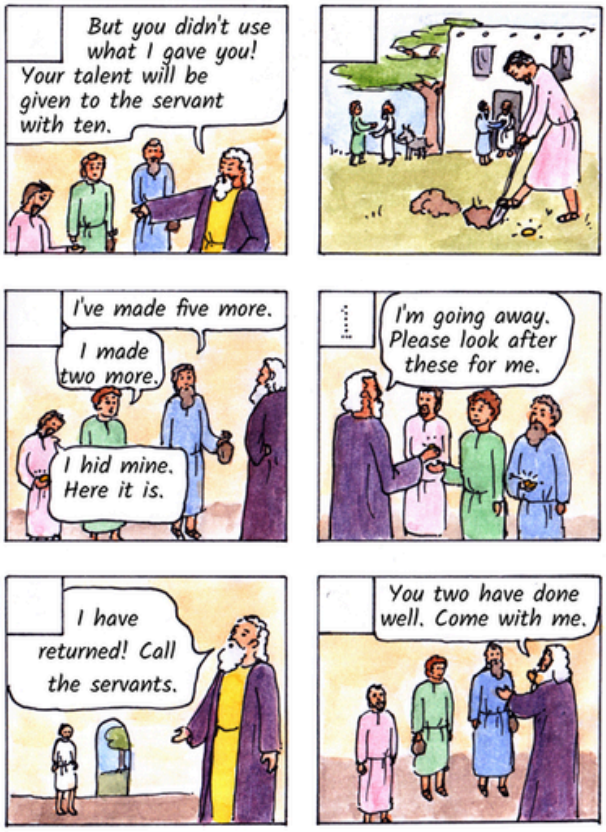


Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.
Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2.
Middle: 4, 1. Bottom: 3, 5.

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Using the Master's Talents
- sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel? Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish, are united by our Catholic faith, traditions, & sacramental life. We strive to be a welcoming & participatory community, sharing our time, talents, & treasure. Nourished by the Eucharist & guided by the Gospel, we are sent forth to bring Christ's love into our families, our community, & the world, serving especially those who are poor & in need. Rooted in faith, united in love & sent forth in service.

BAPTISMS

In order for a child to be baptized, the Church requires that the minister performing the baptism have a reasonable hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. Attending Mass regularly & being a registered member of the parish provides this reasonable hope. Please contact the parish office for further details.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The sacraments is a two-year preparation process starting in 2nd Grade. 2nd & 3rd Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for these sacraments. Contact the DRE, Jodi Rowe, for more informaiton.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

A couple wishing to be married in Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic church must contact the parish office six months prior to the intended date. The couple must be registered in the parish & attend Mass regularly.

COMMUNION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick or homebound & would like to receive communion or be anointed, please contact the parish office.

PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

Parish Council: Monica Sottoriva, Dan Kallal, Brad Barkley, Scott Harris, John Kelly, Tracy Koster, Ken Reid, Tori Denby, Kelly Behme, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Finance Council: Heather DeNeve, Dana Boente, Becky Salske, Jackie Dunn, Chris Behme, Kyle Frericks, Susan Millard, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Building Committee: Larry Rhodes, Scootie Janssen, Peg Barkley, Kathy Stankoven, Ed Kalaher, Gary Ogden, John & Susan LeVora, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Grounds Committee: Steve Boente, Larry & Marsha Rhodes, Scootie Janssen, David Boente, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Emergency Management Team: Gary Odgen, Fran Rosentreter, Steve Stone, Dave & Julie Carter, Chris Behme, Jake Hanbning, Mark Gillock, Scott Harris, Zach Etter, Eric Pingolt, Eric Ogden, Jim Bellm, Sandy Lane, Vaughn Whiteman, Phil Hampton, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Hospitality Committee Contact: Mary Reid

Women's Group Contact: Julie Boente

Ladies KC Auxiliary Contact: Beth Young

Knights of Columbus Contact: Eric Ogden

Funeral Luncheon Committee Contacts:
Kay Kalaher & Kristy Rosentreter

Music Ministry Contact: Mary Jo Reichmann



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