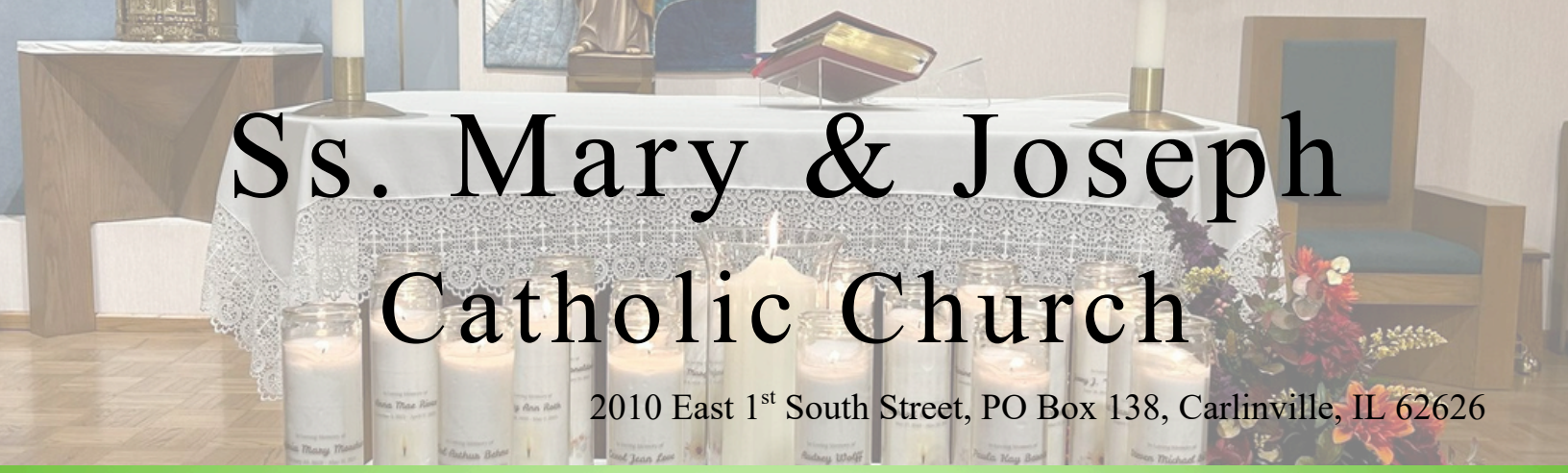


Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 23, 2026
through
Sunday, November 29, 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	Happy Thanksgiving!
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

Christ our King Who Reigns Through Love and Service

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This celebration on the final Sunday of the liturgical year is significant. It tells us that the whole year of worship and prayer was meant to help us to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the King of our lives. This feast therefore invites us to ask ourselves what place we offer Him in our lives. Do we recognize Him as the Lord of all creation, the King of our hearts, and the center of our lives? It also reminds us that our true citizenship is in His Kingdom, a Kingdom of truth, love, justice, peace, mercy, and service.

Our usual understanding of kingship is associated with power, authority, wealth, position, privilege, and people serving the king. Jesus turns this understanding upside down! He is not a King who comes to be served, but one who comes to serve. He does not rule through force, fear, or domination, but through love, compassion, humility, and self-sacrifice. His crown is made of thorns, His throne is the Cross, and His royal power is revealed in His willingness to give His life for us. He does not distance Himself from His people but draws near to them, especially the poor, the suffering, the forgotten, and the vulnerable. In Him everyone finds hope and new life.

The Gospel for this Sunday (Matthew 25:31-46) gives us a beautiful and challenging picture of what His Kingdom looks like. Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and those in prison. Whatever we do for one of the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Him. In other words, our love for Christ cannot be separated from our love and care for others. We cannot claim Jesus as the King of our lives while ignoring the needs of those around us.

What does it mean to accept Jesus as the King of our lives? It means to allow Him first place in our hearts, our families, our decisions, our relationships, and our daily choices. It means allowing His teachings, rather than our selfish desires, pride, anger, or worldly ambitions, to guide the way we live. It means choosing forgiveness over resentment, generosity over selfishness, kindness over indifference, humility over pride, and service over self-interest. It means seeing Christ in the people we meet every day and treating them with the love and dignity they deserve.

We do not need to do extraordinary things to live in the Kingdom of Christ. Sometimes, it begins with a kind word to someone who is lonely, a visit to someone who is sick, a helping hand to someone in need, patience with a family member, forgiveness when we have been hurt, or sharing what we have with someone in need. These ordinary acts of love are the very things our King recognizes as service rendered to Him. And this is what it means to live in His kingdom which is already present with us and among us!



As we enter this Thanksgiving week let us thank God not only for the blessings we enjoy, our families, friends, health, homes, and daily provisions, but above all for Jesus Christ, our loving King, who walks with us, guides us, forgives us, and gives His life for us. May our gratitude never remain only in words, but find expression in generosity, kindness, compassion, and care for one another. **May Christ reign in our hearts, in our families, and in our parish community! Wishing everyone and your families a blessed, joyful, and grace-filled Thanksgiving. May God bless you with grateful hearts and may the love of Christ our King unite us in faith, hope, and love.**

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!



PARISH NEWS

Our local Knights of Columbus have provided a kiosk in the dining hall that contains a series of 15 pamphlets from the Catholic Information Service on the topic of Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish. Each pamphlet contains prayers, meditations, and activities to enrich your family life. Everyone is welcome to take a pamphlet home to either keep or read and return it to share with others. The booklets do not need to be read in any particular order, you may select any title that appeals to you.



Our parish family is overjoyed to congratulate **Blake and Jordan Leefers** on the adoption of their two beautiful daughters, **Rayelynn and Airee**, finalized on Monday, November 16! Adoption is a beautiful reflection of God's unconditional love and the gift of family. We rejoice with Blake and Jordan, along with Hux and Lena, as they begin this wonderful new chapter together as a family. May Rayelynn and Airee grow surrounded by love, faith, laughter, and endless blessings. We pray that God will guide and bless the entire Leefers family in the years ahead, filling their home with joy and countless precious memories. Please join us in congratulating the Leefers family and welcoming them into our parish family! ***Congratulations and may God bless your beautiful family!***

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report – there is a flyer in this week's bulletin of our annual report summary. We handled 38 cases representing 61 adults and 39 children. All cases were individuals living within the Carlinville School District. 18 of these cases were repeat neighbors & 20 were new people we had not helped before. The primary category of assistance was rent - $9,330, followed by power bills - $4,000 & water bills - $2,355. The remaining $2,300 was for various types of expense - lodging, car repair, fuel, food, etc. We had one case that stands out as a "good news story" - This individual, a recovering addict on probation who was homeless, needed to find a place to live. We helped pay for lodging until an apartment was found. We assisted in the search & then helped with donated furniture & getting set up with essential items. The individual was able to get a part-time job within walking distance of the apartment. A few weeks later, we received a wonderful thank you note. "I asked God to give me strength…and through prayer, hard work and your help, I have hope and a second chance, by the grace of God" Members of St. Vincent de Paul organized the Angel Tree during Advent and the Easter Baskets for nursing home residents during Lent. PSR also helped with these events. None of our work would be possible without the continued generosity of this parish family. Thanks for your support.



We send our condolences to the family of Joe Formea, who passed away on November 14. Please keep Betty & their family in your prayers.

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 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29
	Thanksgiving Mass at 6pm in Gillespie	**Thanksgiving Mass at 8am in Benld** **NO PSR** **Office Closed**	 **Office Closed**	**Office Closed**	**Parish Hall / Gym rented all day** **SVDP 5th Sunday Collection**	Rosary at 9:30am **SVDP Mtg 9:30am** **SVDP 5th Sunday Collection**



PSR CORNER

Jodi Rowe, DRE jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com

Growing in Faith • Growing Together

Thanksgiving Isn't Just a Holiday!

Thanksgiving is almost here! Soon our tables will be filled with favorite foods, family traditions, and perhaps a little friendly disagreement over who makes the best pie. But did you know that Catholics celebrate thanksgiving every single time we attend Mass? The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word eucharistia, which literally means "thanksgiving." When we celebrate the Eucharist, we do far more than simply express gratitude for our blessings. We join in Christ's perfect offering of thanksgiving and sacrifice to the Father. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith! And while Thanksgiving Day reminds us to count our blessings, the Eucharist reminds us of the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ Himself, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

This Thanksgiving, as your family gathers around the table, take a moment to remember the altar where we gather as one family in Christ. Because for Catholics, thanksgiving isn't just something we celebrate once a year. It's at the very heart of who we are!

✦ Catholic Fun Fact ✦

Did you know Catholics celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass in America more than 50 years before the Pilgrims' famous feast? On September 8, 1565, Spanish settlers celebrated Mass at the founding of St. Augustine, Florida, followed by a communal meal that included members of the local Indigenous community. While historians recognize several early thanksgiving observances in North America, this celebration is a fascinating part of America's Catholic history!

Coming Up at PSR

November 25 — No PSR (Thanksgiving)
December 2 — Regular PSR & ***Mandatory Parent Meeting with Fr. Joe at 5:00pm***
December 9 — Regular PSR & Confesions for 4th - 8th grade, 1st Reconciliations for 3rd grade at 5:15pm

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.

Classes will be held in the Conference Room at 7pm

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, November 22
10:00am Jack Stankoven +

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday, November 28
6:00pm Vigil Suzy Rhodes +
Audry Kates +

Sunday, November 29
10:00am Susan Mihalek +

STEWARDSHIP
MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Weekend Envelopes, Checks & Cash
$11,873.00

Building Fund & PSR
$75.00

Holy Day: All Saints, All Souls, Christmas Flowers
$225.00

Special: Pickelball
$315.00

Total: $12,488.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Counts
Sat, 11/14/26: 120
Sun, 11/15/26: 236
Total: 356

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, Bob Boyer

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 28, 2026 at 6:00pm Vigil

Ushers:	Ruth Coatney & Karen Dworzynski
Lector:	Connie Reid
Euch. Ministers:	John Kelly*, Joe Direso*, Dave Reid, Terri Reid, **3 Volunteers Needed**
Gift Bearers:	**Jon Reid Family and you will light the Advent candle with Fr. Don**
Altar Servers:	Josie Reid, Cole Reid, Logan Killam

Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 10:00am

Ushers:	Paula Schaeffer & Dana Yowell
Lector:	Val Knight
Euch. Ministers:	Dan Kallal*, Marilyn Kallal*, Stevie Siepka, Mary Behme, Brianna White, Ann Rolando, Michele Miller
Gift Bearers:	**Eric Boehm Family and you will light the Advent candle with Fr. Don**
Altar Servers:	Kane Siepka, Ella Rosentreter, Charlie Behme
Children's Lit:	Mariah Eilerman, Mary Behme, Hallee Bredel

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the coming weeks, our parishes will take up the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This appeal supports more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have devoted their lives to serving the Church and God's people.

For generations, these women and men have been teachers, caregivers, spiritual guides, and quiet witnesses of faith in our communities. Many of us can name a sister, brother, or religious order priest whose example strengthened our faith or whose kindness shaped our lives.

Today, the reality they face is challenging. Most religious received little compensation during their ministry. Now, their communities must pay for rising costs in health care, nursing support, and medications. These financial pressures are significant, and the need continues to grow.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious directly supports their care and helps their communities provide for them with dignity. It is a meaningful way to express gratitude for lives spent in faithful service.

I am mindful that you are asked to support many important causes, and I am sincerely grateful for your generosity. I encourage you, if possible, to donate to this year's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your contribution will make a real difference in the lives of our elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please also keep them in your prayers, just as they faithfully pray for us.

May God bless you and your loved ones with lasting peace, strength, and good health.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King
November 22nd, 2026



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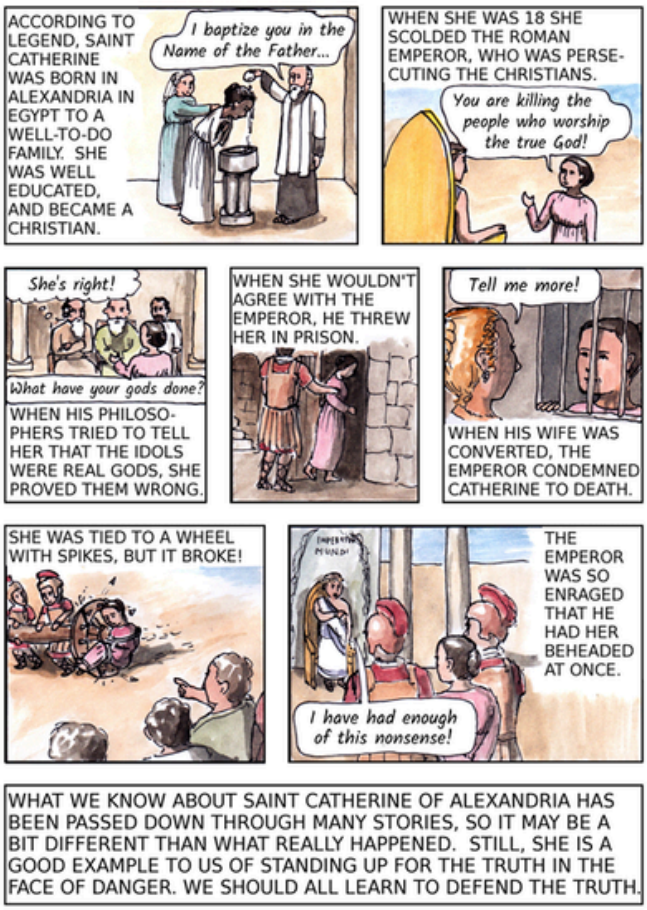
What does God say about His people in the first reading? Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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Saint Catherine of Alexandria

November 25



WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH MANY STORIES, SO IT MAY BE A BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. STILL, SHE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO US OF STANDING UP FOR THE TRUTH IN THE FACE OF DANGER. WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO DEFEND THE TRUTH.

Whatever you do to others...



Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?

Answer to front page: I myself will pasture them.
Answers to match-up puzzle: 1. you gave me food, 2.you gave me drink, 3.you welcomed me, 4.you clothed me, 5.you cared for me, 6.you visited me.

Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

1. I was hungry and •	• you welcomed me,
2. I was thirsty and •	• you clothed me,
3. a stranger and •	• you gave me drink,
4. naked and •	• you cared for me,
5. ill and •	• you visited me.
6. in prison and •	• you gave me food,



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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