

Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 5, 2026

through

Sunday, October 11, 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 8:30-9:15am

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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Director of Religious Education

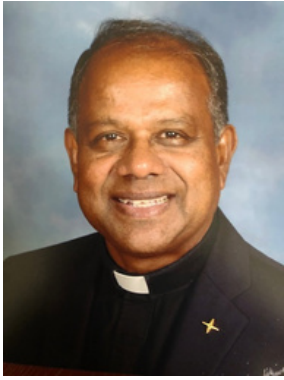
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Bulletin Notices due by 9am on Wednesdays

website: www.ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com
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

The Call to be Faithful Bearing Fruit

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the vineyard. The landowner plants the vineyard, puts a hedge around it, digs a wine press, builds a tower, and leases it to tenants. The landowner has done everything possible and needed for the Vineyard to be a fruitful one and entrusts it to the tenants expecting them to take care and bear fruit. This imagery clearly expresses God's love, care and concern for us and reminds us also of our responsibility to bear fruit for Him.

Now the question is: **What will we do with what God has entrusted to us?**

We have received much from God: faith, family, parish community, the Eucharist, the Scriptures, our abilities, our time, and our opportunities to serve. These gifts and blessings are not given to us to keep it for ourselves, but to serve God's purpose, to bear fruit for Him. He has a plan and purpose for each one of us. As the gospel says: The landowner carefully prepares the vineyard and entrusts it to tenants. And when the time comes, he looks for the fruit that the vineyard should produce.

This parable reminds us that **God has entrusted his vineyard to us in trust that we may be His faithful stewards and bear fruit.** We are not the owners, but stewards of what has been placed in our hands. What matters, therefore, is not simply that we **belong to God's vineyard**, but that our lives **produce good fruit.**

In the light of this parable, we can ask ourselves: what are the gifts and blessings that God has blessed us with? Am I grateful for those blessings? And what kind of fruit does God find in our lives? Is there love, kindness, forgiveness, generosity, patience, compassion, and a willingness to serve? Does our faith make a difference in the way we treat our family, our neighbors, our fellow parishioners, and those who are in need? And what can I do to be a faithful steward of His blessings in my life?

As we gather as a parish family this weekend, let us remember that we are all working in the same vineyard of the Lord. Each of us has a part to play. Some may serve publicly, while others serve quietly in ways that only God sees. Every act of love, kindness and service can become good fruit for God's Kingdom. This is the way we contribute our own share in bringing about God's kingdom in our families, in our relationships, in our parish, our community and the world at large.

Let us ask the Lord to help us be faithful stewards: grateful for what we have received, generous in what we give, and fruitful in the way we live our faith.

Blessings of Peace and joy always!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Koyickal SAC." with a stylized flourish.

PARISH NEWS

Sun, Oct 4: 2026 National Rosary Rally to pray for the direction of our country. The rosary will be said simultaneously across the nation, coast to coast, at 3pm CST. Please join us as we will be gathering at Ss. Mary & Joseph at 2:30pm to participate in this nationwide event.

Sun, Oct 4: Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate! On October 4 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events and clicking on the Oct 4 Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted last year. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you did not do so last year. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.

Sun, October 18: Ss. Simon & Jude Feast Day Celebration Ss. Simon & Jude will celebrate their Feast Day on Sunday, October 18! A special Mass time of 4pm will be celebrated, followed by a catered dinner at the Gillespie Civic Center. Everyone is invited to join us for this special celebration! The evening will include dinner, music, door prizes, & special activities for the children. Sign-up sheets for the dinner are available on the counter of Ss. Simon & Jude & St. Joseph's vestibule or you can call the parish office at 217-839-3456 to register. Come celebrate our Feast Day with us!

Wed, October 28: Ss. Mary & Joseph Presents 7th Annual Trunk or Treat! It will be held in the Ss. Mary & Joseph parking lot at 6:30pm. All kiddos are invited! If you are interested in passing out treats, please let the office know! The more the merrier!

Sun, Nov 1: All Souls We will be remembering the lives of the loved ones we have lost this year during Mass on Sun, Nov 1 at 10am. We ask that a family member or friend be present to come forth & light their loved one's candle at the Mass.

Wed, Nov 4: Blood Drive Ss. Mary & Joseph is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401. Volunteers are needed, if interested please call Reda Scanlan at 217-556-9781.

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 questions if an event is happening, please contact the head of that committee/group.

Mon 05	Tue 06	Wed 07	Thu 08	Fri 09	Sat 10	Sun 11
		PSR 4-5pm OCIA 7pm	Finance Council Mtg 6:30pm	Football Breakfast 7am Mass at Morse Farms C'ville at 10am		Rosary at 9:30am SVDP Mtg 9:30am Women's Group Mtg 11am



PSR CORNER

Jodi Rowe, DRE jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com

Growing in Faith • Growing Together

Welcome Back, PSR Families!

This week we joyfully welcomed **48 families and their 84 children** back to PSR for the 2026–2027 year!

Our parish has been entrusted with something incredibly important: helping these children come to know Jesus, grow in their Catholic faith, learn to pray, encounter Scripture and the saints, and discover what it means to live their faith as a Catholic.

Please join us in welcoming our PSR families, and keep our children, their parents, and all those who accompany them in your prayers throughout the year.

Meet Our Catechists

We are especially grateful for the men and women who have said “yes” to walking alongside our children this year:

Kindergarten — Larry & Marsha Rhodes
1st Grade — Judy Hussey & Dana Yowell
2nd Grade — Rebecca Loy & Katie Cunningham
3rd Grade — Susan Millard & Paula Schaffer
4th Grade — Danita Welte & Alta Boullion
5th Grade — Melissa Suite & Stevie Siepka
6th & 7th Grade — Torie Denby, Ellen Etter & Jennifer Frericks

Please pray for our catechists as they share their time, their faith, and themselves with our children this year.

Thank you for answering the call to serve!

♦ Catholic Fun Fact

Did you know the word “catechist” comes from a Greek word meaning “to echo”?

A catechist's job isn't simply to teach information about our faith. A catechist **echoes the Good News**—passing on the faith they have received so that another person can come to know and follow Christ.

And that means catechesis isn't only the job of the people listed above. Every Catholic is called, in some way, to echo the faith to the next generation.

Coming Up at PSR

October 7, 14, 21 — Regular PSR

October 28 — Saints Celebration

Sacramental Formation

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.



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

Upcoming Dates: October 7, November 4

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 03

6:00pm Vigil Jim & Anna Rives +

Sunday, October 04

10:00am Richard Miller +

Thursday, October 08

8:00am Bob Wubben +

Saturday, October 10

6:00pm Vigil Bob Kates +
Senator Deanna Demuzio +

Sunday, October 11

10:00am Bob Huyear +

STEWARDSHIP MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Weekend Envelopes, Checks & Cash

\$2,160.00

Building Fund & PSR

\$40.00

Holy Day

\$0.00

Special:

\$0.00

Total: \$2,200.00

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*

Mass Counts

Sat, 9/26/26: 86

Sun, 9/27/26: 200

Total: 286

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, John Stankoven, Ron Paul, Mary Ann Pollitt, Betty Wehking, Brad Reid, Brian Iben, Jake Boehm, Val Knight, Veronica Payne-Morse, Jodi Wiggins, Margie Oftedahl, Rena Malvasio

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, October 10, 2026 at 6:00pm Vigil

Ushers: **Volunteer Needed**

Lector: Connie Reid

Euch. Ministers: Joe Direso*, Julie Boente*, Elaine Flowers, Susan Millard, Ann Woods, John Kelly

Gift Bearers: Jon Reid Family

Altar Servers: Josie Reid, Reilly Garrison, Brantley Koller

Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 10:00am

Ushers: Eric & Lisa Ogden

Lector: Dan Hussey

Euch. Ministers: Danita Welte*, Beth Young*, Brianna White, Kathy Stankoven, Ann Rolando

Gift Bearers: Lane Family

Altar Servers: Spencer Lane, Boen Suits, Ella Rosentreter

Children's Lit: Melissa Suits, Avery Suits, Tanner Suits

OCTOBER IS RIGHT TO LIFE MONTH

15 Facts at 15 Weeks

The Development that babies in the womb have already experienced at just 15 weeks

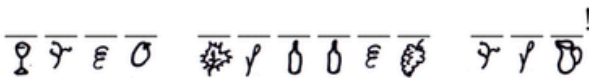
1. All of the major organs have formed.
2. The heart pumps 26 quarts of blood per day.
3. The hear has already beat approximately 15.8 million times.
4. Each finger moves separately.
5. The baby prefers sucking his/her left or right thumb.
6. The baby responds to touch.
7. The baby responds to taste.
8. The brain creates neurons at a rate of 250,000 per minute.
9. Brain connections formed at 15 weeks gestation last into adulthood.
10. The baby can feel pain.
11. Females have most of the eggs that they will ever produce.
12. The baby has practiced breathing for over 6 weeks.
13. Eye movements are easily seen in ultrasound recordings.
14. If a doctor took an x-ray this week, the baby skeleton would be visible.
15. Surgeons have successfully performed surgery on babies at 15 weeks gestation.

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4th, 2026

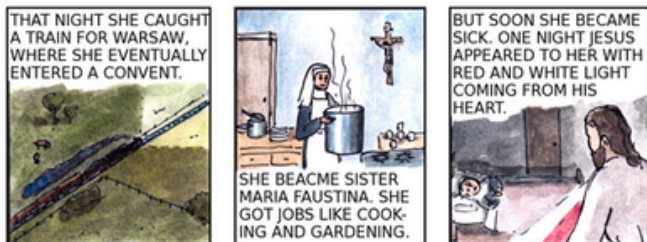


What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.



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Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska October 5



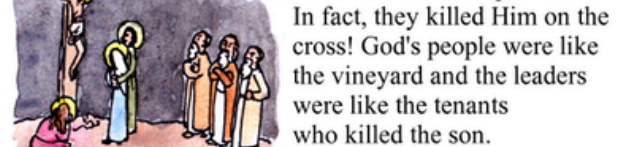
OUR LORD USED SAINT FAUSTINA, WHO HAD BEEN A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL, TO TEACH THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT HIS GREAT MERCY. SHE WROTE WHAT HAPPENED IN HER VISIONS IN NOTEBOOKS. ONE OF THE GREATEST PRAYERS THAT JESUS GAVE HER WAS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him.



In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!



Answer to Word-Find: They killed him.
Answer to Word-Find: God sent His Son.

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The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

DGWITOPDSON
EVINEYARDSW
AENHNPRESSI
TSEEARASETL
HEIRNOBPROL
RINITDLEVLN
EZATSUECAEE
WEGATCHTND
IDANBEATTSS
SOICOMESSNE
OWNERKILLED

Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."



SS. MARY & JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 information.

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, Beth Young, Kelly Behme, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Finance Council: Heather DeNeve, Dana Boente, Becky Salski, 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: Audrey Costello

Knights of Columbus Contact: Eric Ogden

Funeral Luncheon Committee Contacts:
Kay Kalaher & Kristy Rosentreter

Music Ministry Contact: Mary Jo Reichmann