



SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm at the Church
 Sunday 8:30 am at the Church
 Sunday 11:00 am at the Parish Activity Center
 Daily Mass Schedule inside

ADORATION:

Mon – Thurs: 6 am – 11 am and 6 pm – 9 pm
 Fri: 6 am – 8 am, 9 am – 11 am and 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS: 3:30 pm Saturdays and by appointment

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS

ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH? We invite you to introduce yourself before or after Mass, or stop by the parish office to register, meet Father Trapp and become part of our parish family. Registration forms are available at the resource bulletin board at the Church, PAC and on the website.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to contact the office for an appointment *prior* to the birth of their child.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the office for emergencies and notify the office for calls to the sick or visits to the hospital. Email please media@stjosephpc.org to have a name added to the bulletin prayer list.

EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please call the office to be added to the weekly Communion list.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? RCIA is a process that provides time for inquiry, instruction, prayer and discernment. Please contact the parish office for more information. We welcome you!

OFFERTORY: Your offertory gift can be made weekly or monthly. Visit our website stjosephpc.org and register with ONLINE GIVING.

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Parish Activity Center and Parish Office
 670 W. Main St Plain City, OH 43064

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10
 IS 40:1-5, 9-11; PS 85; 2 PT 3:8-14; MK 1:1-8
8:30 am*: Barbara Sievers (R. Sievers)
11:00 am: Larry Lambert (A. Walter)

Monday, December 11
 IS 35:1-10; PS 85; LK 5:17-26
5:30 pm*: James Conway

Tuesday, December 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 ZEC 2:14-17; JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38
5:30 pm*: Shirley Ann Poliafico

Wednesday, December 13 – Memorial of Saint Lucy
 IS 40:25-31; PS 103; MT 11:28-30
5:30 pm*: Mary Conroy

Thursday, December 14 – Mem of St John of the Cross
 IS 41:13-20; PS 145; MT 11:11-15

Friday, December 15
 IS 48:17-19; PS 1; MT 11:16-19
8:00 am*: Intention of Katie LaTour (S. Block)

Saturday, December 16
 SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; PS 80; MT 17:9A, 10-13
9:00 am*: All Souls in Purgatory
4:30 pm*: Ann & Helen Yakubik (S. Oprean)

DECEMBER 16 – 17

Saturday, 4:30 pm at the Church
 Ushers: Mike & Terri Schurman
 Lector: Gabe Bertin
 Eucharistic Minister: Jim & Karen Fritter, Diana Rowley

Sunday, 8:30 am at the Church
 Ushers: Carl Haaser & Jeff Pieper
 Lector: Christopher Daniel
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tony Bonacci, Rachel Ward, George Hamlin

Sunday, 11:00 am at the PAC
 Ushers: John Ciuca & Michael Peck
 Lector: Barb Seciliot
 Eucharistic Minister: Gene & Debbie Duran, Tricia Hemker



Please sign-up for Christmas Masses.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND HEALING

Kelsey Chapman Jennifer Holmes
 Lou Ciminello Karen Klump
 Oralía Duran Roberta Benner Scott
 Sharon Elias Bob Timmons

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from them all forms of sickness and disease. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

CPT Denis R. Aurelius USAF
 SGTFC, Justin Edwards, USA
 CPT Buck "Indy" Horn, USAF
 PVT Daniel O'Neill; USA
 SR Edward Rice, USN
 MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
 CDR Matt Wood, USN
God Bless our troops & their families.

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless act they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Sunday, December 17
 IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28
8:30 am*: Scott Conly (J. Pieper)
11:00 am: Donna May (M. & M. Williams)

**Denotes Mass at the Church. Please contact the office to offer a Mass for your special intention or the soul of a dearly departed family member or friend. Customary donation is \$10. Online requests can be made at: stjosephpc.org/mass-intentions*

Advent Wreath Lighting at Mass

We need families at every Mass during Advent to light the wreath at the beginning of Mass. There are sign-up sheets at the Church and the PAC. Each family will proceed with Father up the aisle and light the candles as required. Thank you for being part of this holy season of preparation for our Lord's birth.



iGiveCatholic Thru December

Over the past five years, our parish's participation in Giving Tuesday has made a very big ripple in the Saint Joseph parish "well." The generous response by the parishioners has seen the Parish Endowments increased, special projects of the parish supported and our community outreach maintained. Please return your envelopes now and through the end of December to benefit the endowment funds, St. Martin de Porres, PAC Nativity scene and/or the PAC parking lot. Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 20 Parish Penance Service
 6:30pm at the PAC with additional priests

Dec 23 4:30pm Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass at Church

Dec 24 9am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at the PAC

Christmas Eve Masses
 4:00pm Children's Vigil Mass at the PAC
 4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Church
 7:00pm Vigil Mass at the PAC

Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses
 12:00am Midnight Mass at the Church
 9:00am Mass at the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS



DECEMBER

- 17th Jr. High Choir Christmas Carols at 10:30am. Live Nativity and Family Event at the PAC from 4pm to 6pm. Giving Tree gifts are due
- 19th Giving Tree distribution night from 6:30pm-9pm at the PAC. Please RSVP to Gloria
- 20th Advent Parish Penance Service at the PAC from 6:30pm-8:30pm with additional priests
- 23rd No 9:00 Life & Mercy Mass
- 24th 9:00am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at PAC
 - Christmas Eve Masses**
 - 4:00pm Children’s Vigil Mass at the PAC
 - 4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Church
 - 7:00pm Vigil Mass at the PAC
- 25th **Christmas Day Masses**
- 12:00am Midnight Mass at the Church
- 9:00am Mass at the Church
- 26th No 5:30pm Mass
- 30th No 9:00am Life & Mercy Mass
- 31st 9:00am Sunday Mass only at the PAC

JANUARY

- 1st 9:00am New Year's Day Mass at the Church
- 2nd No 5:30pm Mass
- 7th/8th Jr High and Elementary PSR resumes for 2024
- 14th/15th No PSR for Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
- 19th NET Retreat for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from 6:30pm-9:00pm at the PAC

NET RETREAT for Religious Education Students

Our Religious Education team is getting ready for our NET RETREAT for the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. This Retreat will be on Friday, January 19th from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the PAC. This is a required attendance for the 6-8 graders.



The Confirmation 8th graders are required to attend on Saturday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm with Mass included. We need to have our 8th graders read at the Mass. Parents and their families are encouraged to attend the Mass also. Please contact Maria at ReligiousEd@stjosephpc.org to sign-up or with questions.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection for Nov. 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 2,930
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 438
Diocesan Tax (8%)	\$ (269)
*does not include Online Giving	\$ *3,099



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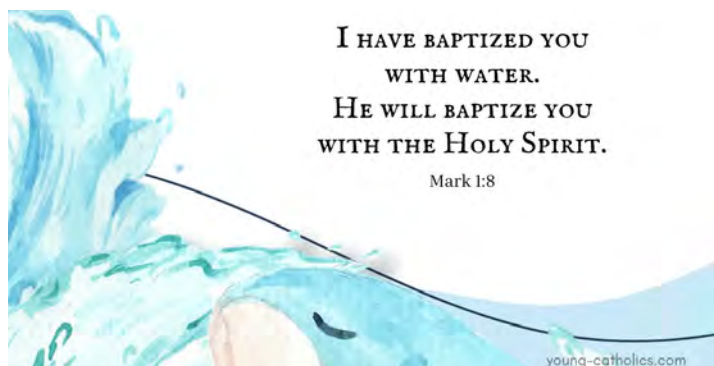


To set-up your account for online giving please scan this QR code with your smart phone or text-to-give at 614-858-8850. You can also visit stjosephpc.org/giving for more information.

Weekly Bible Reflections

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” (MARK 1:3)

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?



Christmas Liturgical Mass Ministers

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Servers, & Ushers: Please sign up in MinistryPro for your choice of Christmas Masses to ensure coverage and that you get the Mass you prefer. *Thank you!*



ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP AUTUMN Schedule

Remind.com/join/stjpcyg

DEC 10 - HOW TO ADD VARIETY TO YOUR PRAYER LIFE

DEC 17 - CHRISTMAS PARTY! (7-8:30)

7-8PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. WE MEET IN THE DOUBLE CLASSROOM IN THE PAC!



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17TH DECEMBER | 4:46 PM
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**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

**Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.**

Retirement Fund for Religious – December 10

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps communities care for their aging members. Many senior religious devoted themselves to serving others while receiving little pay. Across the US, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Your gift will have a direct, meaningful impact on a senior religious. Please donate to next weekend's special collection.

Giving Tree Reminder

Last week to shop for items for The Giving Tree! **PLEASE RSVP** if you plan to attend the Giving Tree Distribution Night to jimgloryb@gmail.com. Thank You!



Krogers Rewards Deposit

\$193.04 Earned August 1 – October 31

Donate to St. Joseph with rewards earned based on your everyday grocery shopping. Once you link your Kroger Shopper's Card to "St. Joseph Catholic Church-Plain City – # MK035", all you have to do is shop and swipe your Shopper's Card, at no added cost to you!



Open Auditions for St. Charles Drama Production

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold women's auditions for The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical on Wednesday & Thursday, January 3 & 4, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad St. (You need only attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: February 29 – March 3, 2024. If you would like additional information, please email Doug Montgomery, at dmontgomery@scprep.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Give the gift of time to each other this year. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9-11 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



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NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING PARISHES AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Urgent Support Needed in the Holy Lands

As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a cease fire, entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. Due to their longstanding presence, Catholic Relief Services has been responding to meet urgent, comprehensive needs, while also monitoring possible extended needs across the region. To support their efforts, pray and consider learning more and donating to CRS at: Catholic Relief Services (crs.org).

Nominations for 2024 Catholic Man of the Year

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2024 Catholic Man of the Year. The annual award will be presented by Bishop Fernandes on Friday, February 2, at the Men’s Luncheon held at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the “good and faithful servant.” The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through Sunday December 31. For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholicmanoftheyear>. Submit your nomination and let us know why your parishioner, husband, father, son, uncle, brother, or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

LOL Music on the Hill – 7:00pm on December 17

Music on the Hill is thrilled to bring back Handel’s Messiah to Marysville. This is a perfect way to celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends. Join us for this collaborative concert which will feature local soloists and instrumentalists along with a chorus of singers from the greater Marysville area under the direction of Scott Underwood. This will be a concert to remember. Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville, Ohio 43040 on December 17 at 7:00pm. All concerts are free and open to the public.



Undone Women’s Conference – January 25-27

Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the Undone Women’s Conference where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation, as the knots of Eve’s disobedience are “undone” through Mary’s model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters and friends. This is a weekend you won’t want to miss! Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart will be held at St. Francis de Sales in Newark on January 25, 26 and 27 – in-person OR by livestream! Register online for either experience at www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel, hstasel@stfrancisparish.net for more information.

John the Baptist exemplifies humility, a virtue essential for Advent preparation. He acknowledges his role as merely the forerunner to someone greater – Jesus. John’s humility in recognizing his place in God’s plan is a powerful model for us. In our parish communities and personal lives, embracing humility like John’s allows us to make room for others to lead and for God’s work to be done through them. Our Advent journey, then, is marked by a dual movement: inward, to confront and repent of our sins, and outward, to embrace humility and allow God to work through us and others. As we reflect on the messages of Isaiah and John the Baptist, we’re invited to smooth the path for Christ’s coming into our hearts and communities, transforming our lives in anticipation of His arrival. This preparation is not just an Advent exercise but a continual call to live in alignment with the divine will, guided by Jesus, our shepherd, who leads us out of the exile of sin into the embrace of God’s love.

Reflection Questions for the Week

How can you incorporate this virtue of humility into your own life, especially in your interactions within your parish community and personal relationships?

Christmas Poinsettia Flower Donations



If you would like to make a cash donation for a potted poinsettia flower to be used in the Church or PAC as decoration during the Christmas season in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please use the form below and turn it in with your payment. Checks should be payable to St. Joseph Church. A list of honorees will be printed in the Christmas Day bulletin. Deadline for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin is Sunday, December 10, 2023.



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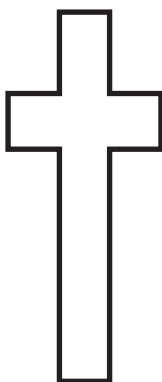
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