



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

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)

Monday, December 18

JER 23:5-8; PS 72; MT 1:18-25

5:30 pm*: People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 19

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71; LK 1:5-25

5:30 pm*: Deacon Bernard 'Bud' O'Shea

Wednesday, December 20

IS 7:10-14; PS 24; LK 1:26-38

No 5:30 pm Mass

Thursday, December 21

SG 2:8-14; PS 33; LK 1:39-45

Friday, December 22

1 SM 1:24-28; 1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD; LK 1:46-56

8:00 am*: Rev. James C. Csaszar

Saturday, December 23

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; PS 25; LK 1:57-66

9:00 am*: Msgr David V. Sorhan

4:30 pm*: Ralph & Dora Sanese (S. Sanese)

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; PS 89; ROM 16:25-27; LK 1:26-38

9:00 am: Barbara Sievers (R. Sievers)

4:00 pm: People of the Parish

4:00 pm*: Doug Martin Family

7:00 pm: People of the Parish

**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*

iGiveCatholic Through December

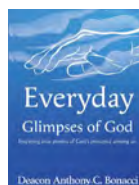
Over the past five years, our parish's participation in Giving Tuesday has made a very big ripple in the



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 through the end of December to benefit the endowment funds, St. Martin de Porres, PAC Nativity scene and/or the PAC parking lot.

Report on Book Proceeds

Dear Friends – The net proceeds from my third book "Everyday Glimpses of God" is \$772. Two checks for \$386 each are being written to the Plain City Food Bank and the St. Martin dePorres Outreach Center. Note: All three of my books are still available at the P.A.C. or at Generations Book Store or online at Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Also, all three books are now available for checkout at the Plain City Library. Thank you for your patronage! ~ Deacon Tony



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 23 – 25

Saturday, 4:30 pm at the Church

Ushers: Diane Needham & **Sub Requested**

Lector: Dan Fugazzi

Eucharistic Minister: Jill Fesko

Sunday, 9:00 am at the PAC

Ushers: Matt & Wendy Brown

Lector: Barb Seciliot

Eucharistic Minister: Jodi Hanna

Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm at the PAC

Ushers: Michael Peck & **3 Requested**

Lector: Religious Education Children

Eucharistic Minister: Doug Heindel & **2 Requested**

Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm at the Church

Ushers: Joe & Debbie Foster

Lector: Gabe Bertin

Eucharistic Minister: Rachel Ward & **2 Requested**

Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm at the PAC

Ushers: Matt & Wendy Brown

Lector: Rex Mykrantz

Eucharistic Minister: **3 Requested**

Christmas, 12:00 am Midnight at the Church

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Lector: Knights of Columbus

Eucharistic Minister: Knights of Columbus

Christmas Day, 9:00 am at the Church

Ushers: **2 Requested**

Lector: **1 Requested**

Eucharistic Minister: **3 Requested**



Please sign-up for Christmas Masses.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND HEALING

Kelsey Chapman Jennifer Holmes
Lou Ciminello Karen Klump
Oralia 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

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

God Bless our troops & their families.

Giving Tree Distribution Night Reminder

Distribution Night for the Giving Tree is Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30 at the PAC. Families are welcome! Pizza, pop and fellowship for all!



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 No Mass. Advent Parish Penance Service at the PAC from 6:30pm-8:30pm with additional priests
- 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
- 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
- 17th Walking With Purpose with Confirmation Class from 7:00pm-8:30pm at the PAC
- 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 December 3, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 3,279
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 533
Diocesan Tax (8%)	\$ (305)
*does not include Online Giving	\$ *3,507



November Online Giving \$ 11,317



Online Giving

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

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18)

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



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

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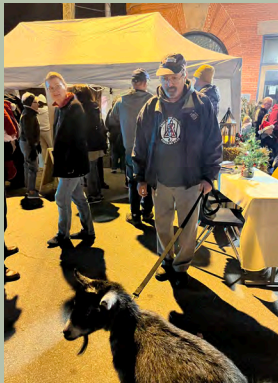
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NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING PARISHES AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.



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 \(crs.org\)](http://CatholicReliefServices.org).

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@stfrancisparrish.net for more information.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

- Give the gift of time to each other this year.
- On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, learn to prioritize the important things.
- Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today!
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Rejoice, Pray, & Give Thanks: Bishop Robert Barron emphasizes the profound impact of Jesus' coming, as articulated in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Barron highlights Paul's instructions to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks," seeing them as radical and transformative in the light of Jesus' resurrection. These recommendations reflect the profound transfiguration of nature by grace. Barron explains that constant joy is possible because of the victory Jesus' resurrection signifies, constant prayer is feasible due to our continuous communion with God, and giving thanks in all circumstances is appropriate because Christ's divinity transforms even the worst experiences into opportunities for sanctification.

Reflection Questions for the Week

What does "pray without ceasing" mean to you in practical terms?
How can you incorporate continuous prayer into your daily routine, especially during the Advent season?
How can you cultivate a habit of gratitude, even in less-than-ideal circumstances?



**National Championship Weekend
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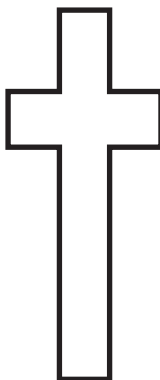
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