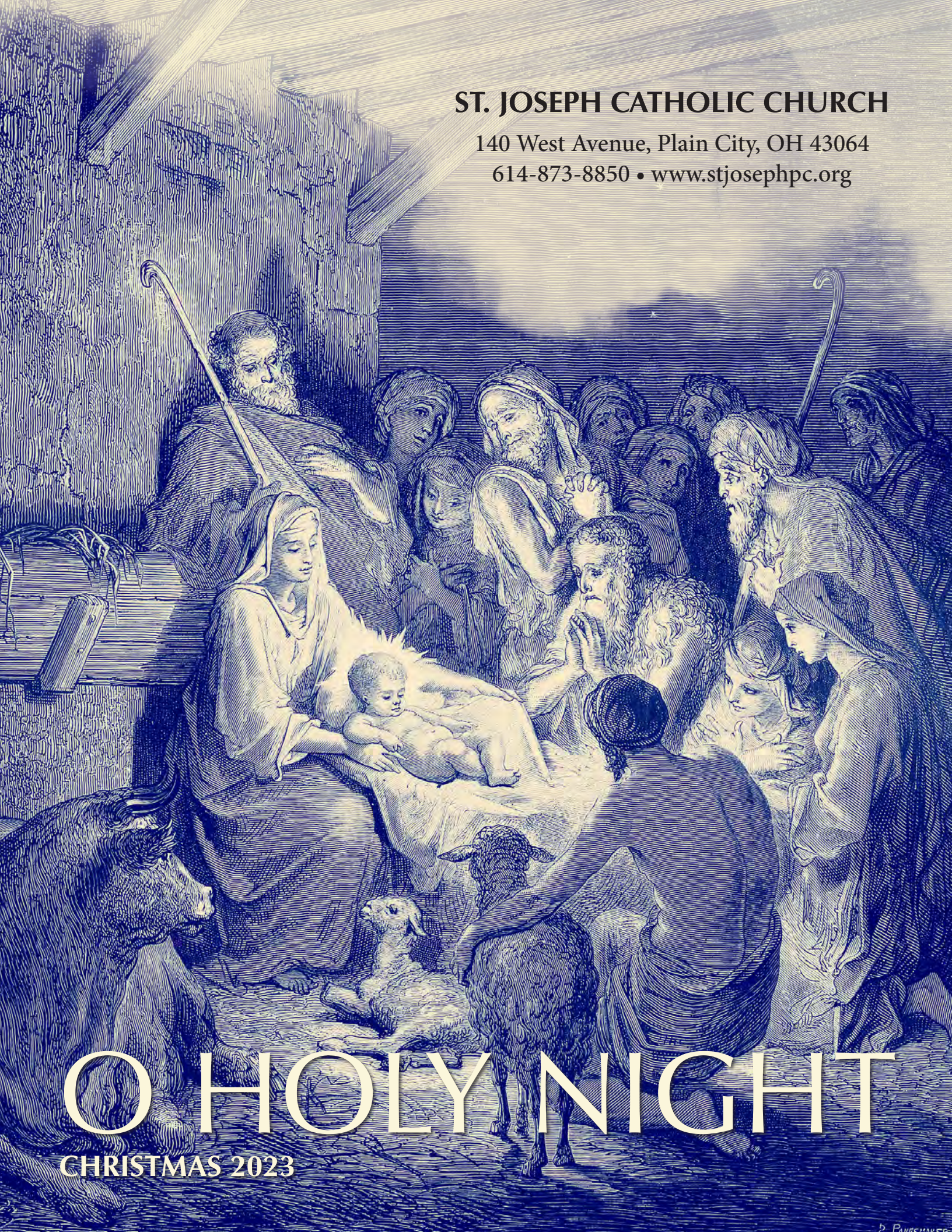


ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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O HOLY NIGHT

CHRISTMAS 2023

Dear Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish,

I hope that the season of Advent has led you to be filled with joy and expectation as you celebrate this Christmas! During Advent, we focused upon preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ. We are the people of God who look forward to Christ's return in His second coming, but now we remember when Christ first appeared. Jesus comes to us as a little child, sharing our human nature, our flesh in all things but sin. He was sent by the Father to announce to us the good news of salvation.

This Christmas celebrates the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's creation of the first Christmas Creche Nativity scene of Bethlehem. Saint Francis desired to re-create the simplicity and the humility of Christ's birth in a stable, placed into a feed box as an infant. He desired for us to be deeply taken in by the mystery of the incarnation, the Word becoming flesh, and Jesus dwelling among us. Our Father's love was revealed to the world through the gift of a child. As Saint Francis called him, the Babe of Bethlehem.

The nativity scenes in our church, parish activity center and in our homes come alive with the message of Christmas from the Gospels, that Jesus loves us, wants to share our humanity and to bring us the good news of salvation.

This celebration gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the importance of the life of Christ within our lives. The message of hope that Jesus comes to give to each and everyone of us. To realize our lives are no longer to be lived in darkness, but to be lived in the light of truth and grace.

In this bulletin, you will find the prayer of blessing for your nativity scene and your Christmas tree. Pray together as a family. This is now a great opportunity to reconnect with the importance of the Sunday Mass, to keep building upon receiving and praying on the Word of God and celebration of the Eucharist. Our celebration of the importance of Saint Francis' nativity scene is a great opportunity to help us to connect with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's program to revitalize our understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist. Now is a great opportunity to grow in our understanding of the presence of Jesus in our lives, His presence in the Eucharist, of Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. Christmas reminds us that Jesus was placed in a manger, an animal feed box in the city of Bethlehem, which means "city of bread." Jesus comes as this little child to be our bread from heaven. As a living bread from heaven, Jesus gives us the promise of eternal life, for all who receive His most sacred body and blood. Every Sunday, we are able to receive the gift of the Eucharist, the gift of living bread from heaven.

This is what helps us to keep our closeness with Christ, Jesus himself.

I am most grateful for everyone's help and assistance, and all that you do here at Saint Joseph Parish; all those who lector, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, our religious education teachers, choir members, all those who volunteer and serve and help in many different capacities, the work and support by the members of our Knights of Columbus council, the devotion of the women who gather to learn on the Word of God at Women's Walking for Purpose. I'm truly grateful for everyone's generosity of their time, talent and treasure to support the work of Saint Joseph Parish.

In the joy of this Christmas season, I pray for the abundance of God's blessings as the Babe of Bethlehem comes to bring us be with you and all of your family. I pray for the help in the intercession of Saint Joseph to watch over and protect us in the new year.

In Christ,
Fr. Joe Trapp

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU. PLEASE TAKE PART IN OUR VIBRANT PARISH FAMILY LIFE.

In the following pages, we are offering descriptions of the various ministries at St. Joseph. These ministries are all volunteer and need you! Join us, and bring your time and talent to one or many of the groups available. Everything we do as a parish depends on our volunteers to make them happen.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is an act of worshiping God in the church as He is present in the consecrated Host. As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, the faithful adore it.



Generally, adoration is an hour but can be any length of time you can manage. Hours are Monday – Thursday 6 am to 11 am and 6 pm – 9 pm; and Fri 6 am to 8 am, 9 am to 11 am and 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. As St. Clare of Assisi said, **“Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him.”**

Not sure what to do at Adoration? First, pray as you can, whether that is reciting one Hail Mary or Our Father, or praying the Rosary. Your prayer is your own. No one else's. Pray for your family, say each by name as Jesus has called us each by name. Read the Psalms for guidance. Talk to Jesus and tell Him about your day; the struggles and joys. Thank Him for His love in your heart. And then, listen. Listen with your ears, mind and heart. Our Lord is always with us and He will be with you during Eucharistic Adoration. To sign-up, please contact Erin Giddens by email at adoration@stjosephpc.org to reserve your hour.

LITURGY

To enhance the living experience of our Lord at Mass, we need people to help us. Preparation for each Mass is essential and we have several groups of volunteers that bring joyful meaning to each celebration. Which one calls you?



CHOIR – “Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song.” – Psalm 100:2. Join our Music Director, Greg Elchert, who brings his musical talents to enhance the Spiritual experience of each Mass. We are looking for voices to help lead us in song and musicians to play their instruments in harmony. Choir practices are generally on Sunday mornings between masses at the PAC. Please email Greg to learn more music@stjosephpc.org.

SERVERS, LECTORS, USHERS & EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Pope Francis said, **“Serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus. The closer you are to the altar the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out and help others...”**

Contact Father Trapp or Deacon Tony if you are ready to share your enthusiasm for Mass by greeting our parish family, voicing the Holy Scriptures or by attentively serving at the altar of our Lord. Ushers are a perfect team effort for a husband and wife. Lectors can make all the difference in how we open our hearts to the Word. We are blessed with several that voice the readings so well. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will also be taking the Lord to the homebound. Servers are eligible to begin training in the 5th grade. Starting our week at our Lord's table sustains us. Be part of this blessing today.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process an adult goes through in order to join the Catholic Church. RCIA is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about Catholicism and grow closer to God by learning about what the Catholic Church teaches. These classes are appropriate if you are discerning joining the Church, if you are curious about the Catholic faith, or even if you already are Catholic and would like to learn more about your faith. Sessions include instruction on the Catholic faith and occasional speakers on special topics. Please see Father Trapp to learn how you can begin this journey of faith. Classes resume on Thursday, January 11th at 7pm at the PAC.

NOTE: Childcare is available upon request, so please don't let babysitting issues hold you back!

SPIRITUAL LIFE

BIBLE STUDY

I don't have time to read the Bible! We can help. Are you looking for a deeper understanding of Scripture? Do the names and dates confuse you? Do you need some clarity in a passage? Then join our growing group for fellowship and learning on Friday mornings at the PAC after morning Mass. There's always a hot pot of coffee and delicious treats to enhance your spiritual journey. Classes resume on Friday, January 5th at 9am at the PAC.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

This ministry is in its amazing sixth season at St. Joseph. As women of the parish, we are growing in faith using a Scripture-based program that is fresh, relevant and focuses on increasing knowledge as well as conversion of the heart. It features three elements: at-home study, weekly small group meetings and a monthly talk. We meet on Wednesday evenings at the PAC. The women will resume with a study in the fall of 2024, with prayers, conversations and fellowship. All ladies 18 and over are welcome. Please see Lisa Grywalski or Denise Brickner for more information or email them at wwp@stjosephpc.org.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

TMIY is a mens' ministry that helps each man consider his relationship with God, his spouse and his children. It harmonizes current social issues with medical science and the teachings of the Church. The men of the parish meet on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am. Please see Carl Haaser or Father Trapp to join this exhilarating group of our finest examples of Christian men. Meetings resume on January 6, 2024.

PARISH LIBRARY

The St. Joseph Library, located in the St. Mary Room of the PAC, has been organized to help parishioners take advantage of a considerable collection of books, CDs, tape cassettes, and videos (both VHS and DVD). You are always welcome to come in and browse the shelves for items of interest. If you do so, we ask you to please be sure to replace the item exactly where you got it so that we can maintain the integrity of the alphabetized stacks. The library is usually open on Sunday mornings before the later Mass and can be unlocked by the staff during office hours. Please email Theresa Schwoppe at library@stjosephpc.org with any questions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to develop a child's awareness and knowledge of Scripture. With the help of the Holy Spirit, and two adult lay facilitators, children explore our loving Lord on their journey of faith. St. Joseph will have the Children's Liturgy every Sunday at the 11 am Mass during the school year. All children in attendance at the 11:00 Mass, ages 4 through 4th grade, are welcome to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word procession.

“The practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure.” - Pope Benedict XVI

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES OUTREACH

The St. Martin de Porres Outreach Mission Center began in the 1990's by a group of parishioners who were interested in improving the lives of the poor and needy in our community. It began as furniture and household items in our basements and garages. We operated by word-of-mouth and quickly grew.

In early 2000, we formalized our mission with the advice of Father Pat Toner. With a very generous grant from the Catholic Foundation we completed the St. Martin building in 2009. We are very blessed to receive monetary donations from our 5th Sunday collections at St. Joseph, private gifts and of course our community. We also raise money from the dessert table during the Lenten Fish Frys. With these funds we are able to have an inventory of small appliances and household items that are a critical need for those in our town. We put a special emphasis on brand new beds for the children in need. It is part of our philosophy that every child deserves a clean, warm bed of their very own.

In addition to this mission we also coordinate the Giving Tree at Christmas that provides much needed daily household items for the DNA, Plain City Food Pantry, West Side Ministries, New Path Pregnancy Care Center and JOIN. All are welcome to join us. Please email Gloria Butler at charity@stjosephpc.org for more information.

THE FATHER EDWARD FITZGERALD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12772

The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Joseph Parish is a thriving and dynamic group of over 100 men and growing. Our organization is based on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity first begun by Father Michael McGiveny in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.

The Knights are deeply involved in promoting and growing our faith through works for the church such as supporting life, supporting the priesthood by financially supporting seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum, supporting incoming college students through a yearly scholarship program, and by being active in our church as part of the lay ministry. The Knights also organize the yearly Lenten Fish Frys, the Fourth of July viewing party, and are active each year for the parish picnic in September. Our outreach goes beyond the church as well, as we support the Plain City Food Pantry/DNA, Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, assisting our Veterans including a special November Memorial Mass, and the KAIROS prison ministry program. You may have seen our road signs on Rt. 42 in the New California area – we are litter patrol several times per year.

This season we will begin our fifth year of *Gifts For Life* program which follows the European custom of collecting baby items from December 26 through February 2 or the season of *Candlemas*.

We also participate in several fundraisers throughout the year: Cash Bonanza in the Spring, Football Fundcrazr in the Fall and sub sandwich sales. These fundraisers keep our charitable works functioning and thriving. The next sub sales are January 6–7 and February 10–11. Order forms will be in the bulletins.

We are always looking for Catholic men to step up and join our proud organization. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and social gatherings which are advertised in the church calendar. All men 18 and over are welcome. Join us and live your best life as a Knight of Columbus.

In service to One, in service to all.

– Grand Knight, Mike Balmert



Blessing of a Christmas Manger

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Let us now pray for God's blessing upon all who gather around this tree.

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gifts for Life

During this Christmas Season, St. Joseph Parish in conjuncture with the Knights of Columbus Council #12772, continue our new tradition of following the Magi and their gifts for the new born King. In many European countries, parishes collect baby items beginning December 26 (Feast of St. Stephen) through February 2 (Candlemas) and leave them at the manger scene.

In keeping with this tradition, we are asking you to take a tote bag we are providing and fill it up with suggested supplies that will be noted on the bag and return it to the manger scenes in the church and the PAC by February 4, 2024. All items collected will go to a local, Catholic new mother's support organization. This project will also coincide with the Forty Days For Life national campaign.

We thank you for your generous hearts and hope it will continue to be a strong addition to our St. Joseph Ministries.



This year marks the 800th Anniversary of when St. Francis of Assisi created the First Nativity Creche or Scene in the year 1223. The life-size Nativity gifted to the diocese is on display at St. Joseph Cathedral Square in Columbus.

YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry program is a welcoming community of teens who focus on their faith through fun and services. Kids in grades eighth through twelfth enjoy Ignite Nights, which are full of laser tag, escape rooms, game nights, and more. Beyond the fun, our youth ministry program does several service projects throughout the year, including helping at the Plain City Food Pantry, making sandwiches for the homeless, and helping with many different church activities. Growing in faith is our main focus at St. Joseph's Youth Ministry, so we offer a fall session and a spring session.

Any Confirmed youth is welcome to join us and may bring a friend. The Youth Group resumes on January 14th and meets most Sunday evenings during the school year at 7 pm at the PAC. Please contact leader Rob LaTour at youth@stjosephpc.org or 614-440-6294 to join. Follow the group on [Remind.com/join/stjpcy](https://www.remind.com/join/stjpcy)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are looking for volunteers to lead or help with our various social committees. Social committees are responsible for the Potluck for the Feast of St. Joseph in March, Parish Picnic in September, an Adult Social Evening, and other family-centered social gatherings at the parish. Reach out to the office to see how you can lend a hand.

ADULT SOCIAL EVENING

We are in the planning stages for our next event this coming year. Gift baskets are raffled off, wine is poured, beer is tapped and the lights are turned down low. Best to get your tickets when they first go on sale – we sell out every year!!

PARISH PICNIC

This fun, family event takes place at the end of September. The Knights of Columbus man the grills and the parishioners provide the side dishes and desserts. There are lawn games, fellowship and a huge bounce house for the kids; Bingo for everyone and great prizes. The kids would say the best part is the snow cones! Of course, we can not pull this off without your help. Check out the details late summer. All are welcome!

BAKING ANGELS

St. Joseph is blessed with many talented bakers who donate their baked goods to the dessert tables at the Lenten Fish Frys and also for any bereavement luncheons hosted at the parish for parishioners who have passed away. When a call goes out...our baking angels answer deliciously.

CHILI COOK-OFF

We are happy to announce we are planning the return of a family favorite: The Chili Cook-off! We are still firming up the 2024 date, so watch the bulletin for details. Please contact the office if you want to help plan this parish event. The 2023 winners were: Laura Weisburn, Paul Belau, and Renée Dvorsky. Will they be "unseated" in 2024?

EVANGELIZATION

Do you have ideas and want to help us reach out to the community or help us foster a greater sense of community within our parish with gatherings such as card club, game night, babysitting, family activities, etc? What social activities would YOU like to see at St. Joseph? Would you like more adult events? More family events? Please email your suggestions to: office@stjosephpc.org or drop your written ideas in the weekly collection basket to the attention of: Social Committee. All ideas are welcome. YOU are St. Joseph.



RELIGION EDUCATION

The Religious Education program at St. Joseph has a great group of more than 20 dedicated volunteers to instruct the children of our parish in our faith. Some even have children in the parish school. We have a total of 128 students from grades 1 – 8. Grades 1 – 6 meet on Mondays throughout the school year in two sessions at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. The junior high youth meet on Sunday mornings throughout the year at 9:40 am.

For our Corporal Works this school year, we will be working on specifically are Feed the hungry, Clothe the naked, and Visit the sick. We are asking our students to bring in items for the Shut-Ins, Elderly, and Prisoners. We are collecting things like small bottles of hand lotion, hand soap, shampoos, conditioners, bars of soap, adult hats, and gloves, and adult new socks and underwear. For our Works for the Spiritual life of our community, we are collecting bibles from the thrift stores to be distributed to prisoners by Father Trapp. We will be praying at the Rosary Garden every chance we get. Please stop by to pray with the students anytime. At each Mass we pray for the faithfully departed, so we do it every time we participate in a Mass.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

NET Retreat: On Friday, January 19, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the PAC, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are required to attend; the evening is also open to 5th grade students. On Saturday, January 20, only for the 8th grade Confirmation students and attendance is mandatory; begins at 9 am.

Spring Break: March 24 – March 30, 2024 (*Also Holy Week, following Jonathan Alder School Calender*).

May Crowning: May 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the PAC. This is the closing event of our Religious Education school year.

SACRAMENTAL EVENTS

Retreat for First Holy Communion: Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the PAC from 8:30 am – 12 Noon.

Practice for First Holy Communion: Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Church at 6 pm.

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the Church at 10:30 am.

Required Confirmation Retreats for 8th grade: Friday, January 19, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 9 am – 5 pm with Net Ministries at the PAC.

Confirmation Rehearsal: At Sts. Simon and Jude in West Jefferson. Time and date TBD.

Confirmation with Bishop Fernandes: Monday, April 29, 2024, 7 pm at Sts. Simon and Jude in West Jefferson.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Details are still in the works. Please check the bulletin this Spring for details. If you are interested in helping to plan or volunteering, please email Maria at religioused@stjosephpc.org.



UPCOMING DATES FOR DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

December 31, 2023	Feast of the Holy Family	March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week
January 1, 2024	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	March 28, 2024	Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday
January 7, 2024	Solemnity of Epiphany	March 29, 2024	Good Friday
January 24, 2024	Feast of St. Francis de Sales, principal patron of the Diocese of Columbus	March 30, 2024	<i>During the day</i> – Holy Saturday <i>After dusk</i> – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
February 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent	March 31, 2024	Easter Sunday
February 17, 2024	Women's Conference at Ohio Expo Ctr	April 7, 2024	Divine Mercy Sunday
February 22, 2024	Guadalupe Hispanic Youth Summit	May 19, 2024	Pentecost Sunday
February 24, 2024	Men's Conference at Ohio Expo Center		
March 19, 2024	Solemnity of Saint Joseph		

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH THANKS YOU
FOR YOUR DONATION OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING**

THE BALMERT FAMILY

*Thomas & Catherine Benson
and Albert & Martha Balmert*

MARCUS & TRACY BERTIN

In Memory of the Bertin & McCullough Families

DEACON TONY BONACCI

In Memory of Elaine Bonacci

RICHARD & MARYANN BRYANT

In Memory of Joseph and Mary Lapinski

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In Memory of Vaughn Ververs*

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Vito Ruscuitti; S. Rebecca Ames; Milton Aring*

CHRISTOPHER DANIEL

In Memory of Kenneth & Vivian Daniel

THE DENDIS FAMILY

*In Memory of Charles & Teresa Dendis
and Ron Lawson, Jr.*

SAMUEL DENNIS

In Memory of Violet J. & Samuel Y. Dennis, Jr.

FRANCES DIVINCENZO

In Memory of the Marino Family

DAVID & TERESA FARRAND

*In Memory of Rocco & Mary Latorre and
Larey & Carolyn Farrand*

MARK & LESLIE FENIK

In Memory of Ron Fenik

JOE & DEBBIE FOSTER

*In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Foster & Perez Families*

JIM & KAREN FRITTER

In Thanksgiving

KENNETH & KAREN FRITZ

In Honor of the Fritz & Schulkers Families

RICHARD & JUDITY GIESECK

In Thanksgiving

ROGER & LISA GRYWALSKI

*In Memory of Joseph & Helen Grywalski
and Harold & Martha Burbick*

JOHN & CYNDI HIGH

In Memory of the High & Monette Families

MARY HOFBAUER

In Memory of Hofbauer and Kungis Families

JAMES & SHIRLEY MANK

In Memory of Deceased of Maank & Nadler Families

BOB & LAURA MILLS

In Memory of the Mills & Leger Families

AARON & JENNIFER NESTOR

In Thanksgiving

GEORGE & BRIDGET RIDGEWAY

In Memory of Betty Lou Ridgeway & Donella Ann Decker

REBECCA ROUSH

In Memory of John & Patricia Allen

PHYLLIS RUNYON

In Memory of Kenneth Runyon

SANDY SANESE

In Memory of Dora & Ralph Sanese

MIKE & TERRI SCHURMAN

*In Memory of Deceased Members of the Butler
and Schurman Families*

JIM & THERESA SCHWOPE

In Memory of Deceased Family Members

GERRE SLANE

*In Honor of Jerry Slane, Stephen Slane, Grubbe Family
& Lyons Family*

WESLEY & NICOLE STEWART

*In Memory of Stephen & Ellen King, Bob & Marge Sahr,
Kenneth Stewart, Zachary Sahr*

JEFF & JILL SUCHY

In Memory of Suchy and Mank Family

TODD & SHARON THOBE

In Memory of Louis & Marian Verhoff and Seth Douglas

GREGORY & LINDA THOMPSON

In Memory of Sonny & Julie Ryan

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

IS 62:1-5; PS 89; ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25; MT 1:1-25
4:00 pm: People of the Parish
4:00 pm*: Doug Martin Family
7:00 pm: People of the Parish

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

IS 52:7-10; PS 98; HEB 1:1-6; JN 1:1-18
12:00 am*: Julie Russell (U. & J. Holmes)
9:00 am*: Hofbauer, Kungis, & Rice Families (Rice Family)

Tuesday, December 26 – Feast of Saint Stephen

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31; MT 10:17-22
No 5:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 27 – Feast of Saint John

1 JN 1:1-4; PS 97; JN 20:1A AND 2-8
5:30 pm*: Rev. Joseph J. Hynes

Thursday, December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents

1 JN 1:5—2:2; PS 124; MT 2:13-18

Friday, December 29

1 JN 2:3-11; PS 96; LK 2:22-35
8:00 am*: Deceased of Trapp Family

Saturday, December 30

1 JN 2:12-17; PS 96; LK 2:36-40
9:00 am*: All Souls in Purgatory
4:30 pm*: James "Jim" Elias

Sunday, December 31 – Feast of the Holy Family

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128; COL 3:12-21; LK 2:22-40
9:00 am: Pope Benedict XVI

*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

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

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.



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 1

Saturday, 4:30 pm at the Church

Ushers: Mike & Denise Brickner
Lector: Ann Walter
Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Fisher



Sunday, 9:00 am at the Church

Ushers: Lisa Grywalski & Barb Seciliot
Lector: Cyndi High
Eucharistic Minister: John Ciuca

New Year's Day, 9:00 am at the Church

Ushers: 2 Requested
Lector: 1 Requested
Eucharistic Minister: 1 Requested

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

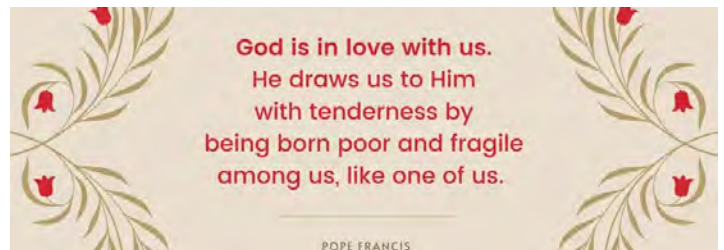
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SGTFC, Justin Edwards, USA
CPT Buck "Indy" Horn, USAF
PVT Daniel O'Neill; USA
SR Edward Rice, USN
MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
CDR Matt Wood, USN
God Bless our troops and their families.

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.

Weekly Bible Reflections

"Contemplating the Baby Jesus, with His humble and infinite love, let us say to Him, very simply: "Thank you for doing all this for me!" (Pope Francis)

This Christmas season, let us hold close to our hearts the profound truth that we are far from being orphaned children left to wander aimlessly through life's complexities. Instead, we are the beloved children of God, deeply cherished and constantly watched over by a loving Father. In every step we take, be it on paths of joy or through valleys of challenges, we are accompanied by the unwavering presence of God. His love is our guide and strength, illuminating our decisions and actions.



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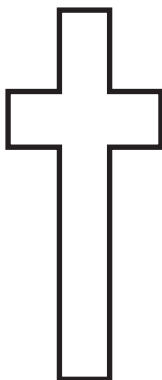
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