

Alleluia

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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*“The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.”*

-Victimae paschali laudes

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 7 – Sunday of Divine Mercy
 ACTS 4:32-35; PS 118; 1 JN 5:1-6; JN 20:19-31
8:30 am*: Melissa Fugazzi (Children of Melissa Fugazzi)
11:00 am: Jay Goodwin (Mr. & Mrs. M. Fenik)

Monday, April 8 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
 IS 7:10-14; 8:10; PS 40; HEB 10:4-10; LK 1:26-38
5:30 pm*: In Honor of Mary & the People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 9
 ACTS 4:32-37; PS 93; JN 3:7B-15
5:30 pm*: Joanne E. McGuire

Wednesday, April 10
 ACTS 5:17-26; PS 34; JN 3:16-21
5:30 pm*: All the Sick

Thursday, April 11 – Memorial of Saint Stanislaus
 ACTS 5:27-33; PS 34; JN 3:31-36

Friday, April 12
 ACTS 5:34-42; PS 27; JN 6:1-15
8:00 am*: Jim Buoni

Saturday, April 13
 ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33; JN 6:16-21
9:00 am*: All Souls in Purgatory
4:30 pm*: Bill & Jessie Mullin (P. Runyon)

Sunday, April 14
 ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19; PS 4; 1 JN 2:1-5A; LK 24:35-48
8:30 am*: Barbara Sievers (R. Sievers)
11:00 am: Greg Stroud (A. Walter)

**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*

Vacation Bible School this June 3–6 at St. Joseph

The summer is fast approaching and we are in the planning stages for Vacation Bible School for the week of June 3 – 6 from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon at the PAC. Our theme this year Cool Kingdom Rock – Where Kids Stand Strong for God! Register online at stjosephpc.org/vbs



We are in need of adult and teen volunteers to plan and help during June 3 – 6. Please contact Maria Vonada if you can donate a few hours or many! This is a great opportunity for rising 8th graders and high schoolers to get a jump start on service hours. All adult volunteers must complete Protecting God's Children course, available in-person or online. Visit Virtus.org for more information or to sign-up.

If you would like to volunteer but are unable to help during the day, we are in need of a decorations committee volunteers for VBS. You can help with painting from home as your schedule allows with decorations for the kingdom. Many hands make light work!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

APRIL 13 - 14

Saturday, 4:30 pm at the Church
 Ushers: Mike & Terri Schurman
 Lector: Ann Walter
 Eucharistic Minister: Diana Rowley



Sunday, 8:30 am at the Church
 Ushers: Alan Wilson, Jeff Pieper
 Lector: George Hamlin
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tony Bonacci

Sunday, 11:00 am at the PAC
 Ushers: Lisa Grywalski, Barb Seciliot
 Lector: Cyndi High
 Eucharistic Minister: Carl Haaser

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND HEALING

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

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
 GSEFA 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

Additional Easter Flower Donations

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Hamlin & Kramer Families
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In Honor of Samsel & Seciliot Family
DAVE & BARB SECILLOT

Protecting God's Children Class

If you are a volunteer for Religious Education, Youth Group, Church Picnic, VBS or any other event that has children involved, you MUST complete the Protecting God's Children (PGC) class. PGC instructs adults that to protect children, you must have continuous awareness and vigilance. This session explains the signs of child abuse, the methods by which offenders commit abuse, and steps one can use to prevent child abuse.



The next class at St. Joseph will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Please contact Maria Vonada at 614-873-8850 or ReligiousEd@StJosephPC.org for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL

- 7th **Divine Mercy Sunday.** Holy Hour & Confessions from 2-3:00pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction from 3-3:30pm at the Church
- 27th First Communion Retreat for 2nd grade class and a parent from 8:30am–12 Noon at the PAC
- 29th Confirmation for 8th grade class at Sts. Simon & Jude in West Jefferson at 7:00pm. No 5:30pm Mass



Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls" - that is, for all penitent souls without exception - but "especially" for "poor sinners."

Join parishioners in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7 for Holy Hour from 2:00–3:00pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction from 3:00–3:30pm at the Church.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls Due by May 1

Please return your family's CRS Rice Bowl to the Church or PAC before Pentecost on May 1st to fight global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Confirmation Class Blanket Making Project

The ladies in Walking with Purpose met with our Confirmation students during class in March to make tie blankets with them.



STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection for March 24, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 2,315
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 555
Diocesan Tax (8%)	\$ (230)
*does not include Online Giving	\$ *2,640



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

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." (Acts 4:32)

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.



Join the Knights of Columbus Council #12772

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus has a great program series called *Into The Breach*? This program helps Catholic men and families lead lives of faith and virtue in today's world. Want to learn more? Talk to a Knight today about the program and join our great fraternal, family based organization! Make a difference today!



Simply just scan the QR Code to Join Us! Enter Council # 12772 as Preferred Council Number. For more information, contact Carl Haaser, 614-554-6316, cjhaaser@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus Council #12772 presents the

Father Thomas J. Cadden Memorial Scholarship



Scholarship competition is open to all St. Joseph Parish students who are high school graduating seniors or enrolled in a college undergraduate program.

By April 15, 2024, applicants must submit to the Parish office a copy of their latest school transcript and a brief statement describing their:

- † Academic and career goals
- † Description of financial need
- † Participation in school and parish activities

Late submissions will not be considered.

Winners may re-apply each year.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass on May 19 at 10:30 am at the PAC.

With humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing of Richard Lukie.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Requiescat in pace.



RSVP and Info Needed from 2024 Seniors

Graduating Seniors – Please send in a brief biography of your high school accomplishments and future plans along with a senior picture to be included in the May 19 Baccalaureate Mass Bulletin, due by May 9. Please email your info and Mass RSVP to office@stjosephpc.org. Please wear your cap and gown to Mass. *Thank you!*

St Joseph Youth Group
Spring Schedule

- Apr 7 - The Search Begins [Episode 6]
- Apr 14 - The Search Begins [Episode 7]
- Apr 21 - What does the Catechism say about...
- Apr 28 - Connecting with others through the faith

St. Martin de Porres Helps Relief Efforts at Indian Lake Area

Stretching from cakes, pies, cupcakes and brownies that filled the Fish Fry dessert tables, thanks to the St. Joseph Baking Angels, to Tornado Relief a few miles up Route 33, seems unlikely until one considers the generosity of parishioners and diners who offered generous donations during the Lenten season.

The proceeds from this year's desserts was \$2,100 dollars. After discussing ideas for how to use the money, the relief efforts of the devastating tornados in neighboring Logan County, was an easy choice.

The Catholic Church near Indian Lake in Russell's Point, St. Marys of the Woods, was selected as the contact source and a call was placed to Fr. Shawn Landenwicht, the Pastor. Arrangements were made to hand deliver a check for \$2,000 to the church on Monday, March 25, 2024 along with a van full of other items. Several large boxes of cleaning supplies and personal needs items (from St. Joe's Christmas Giving Tree program) were also delivered to the church's St. Vincent de Paul group, which is located across the street from the church. It is in a former Catholic school, Holy Family.

In addition, a Meat Market in Raymond OH had a promotion for chicken quarters in progress. Twelve 10 lb. bags of chicken (240 pieces) were purchased and delivered to a restaurant (LuLu's) who was cooking and feeding volunteers and residents free of charge. Restaurant owner, LuLu, planned to grill and barbeque the chicken soon to feed the workers.

Amy Bihn, St. Mary's Church Office Manager, explained that several larger families in their parish lost everything. She assured St. Martins that our gift would be used to help these Catholic families as they try to rebuild their lives.

It is through the faith-filled spirit of love for each other, that we reach out and offer what we have to others when they are in need. We wish to thank every single parish member who supported the Fish Fry desserts with beautiful dessert offerings during Lent. Special thanks to those who baked every single week (Richard, Lisa, Bev, Diane, Florine), to Jim Fritter, our "delivery man" and finally, huge thanks to the profound dedication of our incredible K of C. members, Fr. Trapp, Deacon Tony, Todd Thobe, and Bulletin Editor, Tracy Bertin who faithfully help us each year in so many ways.

We have loved St. Joseph Church for almost half a century now and the spirit of love fills our hearts with joy!

Thank you. ~ Jim and Gloria



NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING PARISHES AND AROUND THE DIOCESE



Saint Patrick School

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For more information:
Contact the school principal, Rick Logue at: rlogue@ededucation.org or 740-852-0161

Tour Day at the Josephinum on April 27

The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its annual Tour Day on Saturday, April 27, from Noon - 3:00 pm. Learn about the fascinating history and unique mission of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy as you explore the Josephinum's grounds, main administration building, and Saint Turibius Chapel. Tours will highlight many beautiful characteristics of this historic 1931 structure, including extensive woodwork, stained glass windows, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork, and sacred art. Register online at apps.pcj.edu/tourday2024



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A Catholic Education is Now More Affordable, Thanks to EdChoice!

The Ohio EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program now offers ALL Ohio students the opportunity for a scholarship to attend a Catholic school! With the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, a family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8) and \$8,408 (grades 9-12). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child. Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year!

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM
7625 NORTH HIGH STREET

Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center | office park located at 100 Crosswoods Blvd.
Jessing Center parking may be used by those with small children, or mobility challenges.

Packet pickup: 7:30am | Start time: 9am
Swag: All participants receive bread and a bottle of wine, or bread and a jar of Trappist Monastery jam.

Family rate:
Save \$5 per person when registering at least 3 participants at one time.

After the resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples, but Thomas is not with them. When the other disciples tell him that they have seen the Lord, Thomas responds that he will not believe unless he can see and touch the wounds in Jesus' hands and side. A week later, Jesus appears again, and this time Thomas is there. Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds and to believe. Thomas responds with a powerful declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!" Similarly, when Thomas doubts, Jesus does not rebuke him or shame him. He simply offers him the evidence he needs to believe and invites him into deeper relationship. This is a powerful message for us today. We all have moments of doubt and fear, times when we struggle to believe or to trust in God's plan for us. But like Thomas, we are invited to bring our doubts and questions to Jesus, who offers us peace and the evidence we need to believe. Let us pray for the grace to be like the disciples, who were able to find peace and renewed faith in the presence of the risen Lord. And let us pray for the courage to continue Jesus' mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in our own lives and in the world around us.

Reflection Questions for the Week

- In what ways do you struggle with doubt and fear in your relationship with God?
- How can you bring these doubts and questions to Jesus, and allow his peace to calm your fears?
- In what ways can you allow the message of hope and new life to transform your outlook and your actions in the world?

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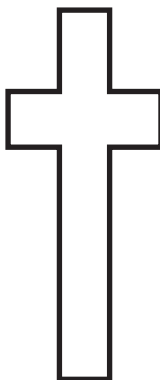
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