



We are glad you joined us!

We are a Eucharistic Community whose mission is to be “Saints Alive” by knowing, loving, and serving God. Through study, piety, and action, in imitation of the Saints, we answer God’s call to stewardship.

Our weekly bulletin is one of the ways we share what’s going on in our parish and in the Catholic world.

Be sure to also visit us online at SaintJosephPlainCity.com, where you’ll find much more information.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Plain City, Ohio

Masses

*Weekday Masses are
at the church.*

Monday, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 8 a.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.

Weekend:

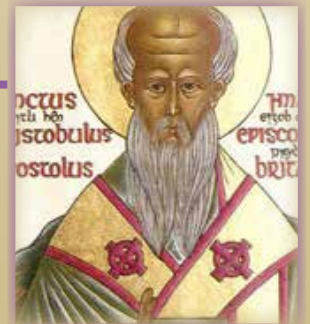
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
at church

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
at church

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at PAC

Saint of the week:

*St. Ado of Vienne
Memorial: December 16*



Adoration

Monday through Thursday:

6 - 11 a.m. &

6 - 11 p.m.

Friday:

6 - 8 a.m. &

6 - 11 p.m.

Confession

Saturday, after 9 a.m. Mass
at church

Saturday, 3:30 p.m. at church

By appointment



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 13, 2015

Masses

Readings

Intentions

Saturday, December 12

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. (PAC)

4 p.m. Penance Service (PAC)

Third Sunday of Advent

(Gaudete Sunday)

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12;

Phil 4:4-7;

Lk 3:10-18

+Repose of the Soul of

Maggie Cassidy

+Fr. Harry Schneider

+People of the Parish

Monday, December 14

5:30 p.m.

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest

and Doctor of the Church

Nm 24:2-17, 15-17a;

Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27

+Patsy Morrow

Tuesday, December 15

5:30 p.m.

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34;

Lk 7:18b-23

+Special Intention of

Tom Taylor

Wednesday, December 16

5:30 p.m.

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85;

Mt 11:28-30

+Carl Dobbins

Thursday, December 17

NO MASS

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72;

Mt 1:1-17

Friday, December 18

8 a.m.

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72;

Mt 1:18-25

+Macy Block

Saturday, December 19

9 a.m.

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Judith 71;

Lk 1:5-25

+Macy Block

4:30 p.m.

(see below for 4:30 Mass readings)

+Mary Steggman

Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. (PAC)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

+Open

+People of the Parish

All Masses are at the church unless otherwise indicated.

Adoration~

"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!"

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays from 9 to 10 p.m.,

Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 10 to 11 p.m.

If you would like to tryout an hour please call or email Elaine Bonacci (page 6) or call the parish office.





Saints Alive!

Pray for our sick & healing

Joe Achtner
 Patricia Ann Allen
 Rhonda Campbell
 Ben Grywalski
 Joe Hofbauer
 Gabriel Kaiser
 Zachary Kaiser
 Betty Lisk

Martey Masterson
 Tony Mouhanna
 Corolyn Neff
 Jim Neff
 Roger Roush
 Donna Ryder

Pray for our military

S.Sgt. Michael S. Bertorello, USA
 Col. Robert C. Bramlish, USARNG
 1st Sgt. Kevin R. Gleich, USA
 Lt. Col. Patrick Parsons, USAF
 Sgt. Jeffrey Sands, USA
 MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
 Lt. Cmdr. Matt Wood, USN

If you would like to submit a name to be added to our prayer list, please send your request to: bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com



Announcements

- This weekend is the special collection for retired religious.
- Sunday evening, December 13, all teens and recently confirmed youth are invited to meet at the church basement at 6:30 p.m. for caroling at Edgewater and a holiday party.
- Wednesday, December 16, is the distribution party for the Giving Tree. Please meet at the PAC at 6 p.m. Pizza and pop provided.
- Saturday, December 19 we invite everyone to join us caroling after 4:30 p.m. Mass. See page 3.

Stewardship

Offertory Collection for November 29, 2015

Parishioner Contributions (60)	\$ 3,104
Loose (Unknown) Contributions	\$ 163
Diocesan Tax (6%)	(\$ 191)
Total	\$ 3,076

The above figures DO NOT reflect Online Giving contributions.

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts.

He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



State of the Parish

Fr. Trapp has mailed a *State of the Parish* report to all St. Joseph parishioners. If you did not get a copy and would like one, please contact the parish office.

You can also view and download a copy of the report on line. Visit www.saintjosephplaincity.com and click on *State of the Parish* in the top menu.





Parish Life

Calendar

Monday, December 14

Zumba	9 a.m.
PSR	4:30 p.m.
Youth Choir	5:40 p.m.
PSR	6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15

Women Aglow	7 p.m.
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Wednesday, December 16

Zumba	8:30 a.m.
Giving Tree Distribution Night	6 p.m.
RCIA	7 p.m.

Thursday, December 17

Choir Practice	7 p.m.
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Friday, December 18

Zumba	8:45 a.m.
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Sunday, December 20

NO PSR or YOUTH GROUP

*indicates event at church



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

There are multiple ways you can give:

Use the special envelopes that you've received in the mail, use preprinted envelopes available at the PAC and church, write "Retirement for Religious" in the memo field of your check and drop it in the Offertory, or use Online Giving at saintjosephplaincity.com.

Giving Tree Program **2015**

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS TO THE PAC OR CHURCH BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.

FAMILY DISTRIBUTION NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6 P.M. AT THE PAC.

**FAMILY FUN!
SORT AND BUNDLE GIFTS FOR THE CHARITIES BEING SERVED THIS YEAR.**

PIZZA AND POP PROVIDED

Christmas Caroling!

All St. Joseph parishioners and their friends are invited.



Spread holiday cheer especially to those who are ill and homebound. Your voices are needed!

***We will start after 4:30 p.m.
Mass on Saturday,
December 19.***

After caroling we will all meet back at the PAC for hot chocolate and cookies. You are welcome to bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share. For additional info contact Maryann Lange, contact info on page 6.

Pope Gives Interview about the Year of Mercy

Here is a ZENIT translation of the Holy Father's interview with Catholic weekly magazine, 'Crederere,' an official Jubilee publication.

--Q: Holy Father, now that we are about to begin the Jubilee, can you explain what movement of the heart drove you to highlight precisely the subject of mercy? What urgency do you perceive in this regard, in the present situation of the world and of the Church?

--Pope Francis: The theme of mercy has been strongly accentuated in the life of the Church, since Pope Paul VI. John Paul II stressed it strongly with *Dives in Misericordia*, the canonization of Saint Faustina and the institution of the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Octave of Easter. In line with this, I felt that it is somewhat a desire of the Lord to show His mercy to humanity. Therefore, it didn't come to my mind, but rather the relatively recent renewal of a tradition that has however always existed.

My first Angelus as Pope was on God's mercy and, on that occasion, I also spoke of a book on mercy which was given to me by Cardinal Walter Kasper during the conclave; also, in my first homily as Pope, on Sunday, March 17, I spoke of mercy in the parish of Saint Anne. It wasn't a strategy; it came to me from within: the Holy Spirit wills something. It's obvious that today's world is in need of mercy, it is in need of compassion, or to begin with <compassion>. We are used to bad news, to cruel news and to the greatest atrocities that offend the name and life of God. The world is in need of discovering that God is Father, that there is mercy, that cruelty isn't the way, that condemnation isn't the way, because the Church herself sometimes follows a hard line, she falls into the temptation of following a hard line, into the temptation of stressing only the moral rules, many people are excluded.

There, came to my mind that image of the Church as a field hospital after a battle; it's true, how many people are wounded and destroyed! The wounded are taken care of, helped and healed, not subjected to analyses for cholesterol. I believe this is the moment of mercy. We are all sinners, we all bear interior burdens. I felt that Jesus wishes to open the door of His heart, that the Father wishes to show his deepest mercy, and therefore sends us the Spirit: to move us and to deter us. It is the year of forgiveness, the year of reconciliation. On one had we see the arms trade, the production of arms that kill, the murder of innocents in the most cruel possible way, the exploitation of persons, minors, children: a sacrilege – permit me the term – is being carried out against humanity, because man is sacred, he is the image of the living God. See, the Father says: stop and come to me." This is what I see in the world.

For more from this interview, visit: www.zenit.org



Advent Service

Looking for a family service activity for Advent? December 19 is Family Service Day at DNA Community Center.

Serve alongside members of your family at our upcoming Community Meal.

Sign up to prepare and serve food, bag supplies, assist in the Kids' Kloset, and more. Go to www.dnaincity.com or call DNA at 614-824-8340 to sign up.

Back by Popular Demand and Coming Soon!

It was planned that we would use our parish software to handle the ministry scheduling much like Ministry Scheduler Pro did.

Unfortunately, the company is not ready to release that part of the package. So, we are going back to our Ministry Scheduler Pro online software that some of you had grown to really like. Back will be the features you missed, like the ability to ask for subs and check the schedule from the website whenever you wanted. Thanks for all your understanding as we figured out a solution to the problem. *If you are part of the ministry schedule, please look out for an email explaining how you need to log in coming soon!*

Ministry Scheduler Pro
Volunteer Scheduling and Service Planning



If you are a Catholic do you have to celebrate Christmas? Can you celebrate something like Hanukkah?

First, what would it be like if your birthday was not celebrated by your family? Christmas is the celebration of birth of our Savior, the family of God celebrating the birth of His Son.

Our Christian roots are found in Judaism – the Jewish Faith. We are reminded of this as we pray in the Eucharistic Prayer, “Abraham our Father in Faith.” For Jesus, the Jewish Holidays and feast days were important celebrations in His life. As believers and followers of Jesus, we celebrate the events of Jesus’ life. We believe Christ’s resurrection has changed the world. By the Cross, Jesus establishes the New Covenant. So, the rites – the Jewish Holidays and feast days are no longer celebrated. They are, for us, part of the Old Covenant. The new order is now followed. In the hymn at Benediction, we sing: “Over ancient rites forms of worship, Newer rites of grace prevail.” We remember with respect all the Jewish holy day and feasts celebrated, and respect all other religious faiths and their traditions.

To miss Jesus’ birthday is to miss celebrating the Word made flesh and the beginnings of salvation for the world!

Read and learn more in the [YOUCAT # 8](#). What is the [YOUCAT](#)? Visit: [youcat.org](#)



Parish Job Opportunities:

Parish Secretary:

This position is a part-time. Our parish secretary coordinates and facilitates the day-to-day operations of our Parish. This position offers the flexibility and opportunity to make use of particular gifts and talents of the individual such as organizational skills, computer skills, and scheduling of various ministries. The secretary is often first contact for the public from the parish so strong personal communication skills are important. If you are interested, please submit your resume to the attention of Fr. Trapp through the parish office. Salary is negotiable.



St. Joseph Parish

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for something part time & rewarding, please prayerfully consider becoming a part of the parish office staff.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Douglas & Tricia Hemker, Nolan & Grant

Richard Ogden



Encounter!

Colder weather means our homes should be a source of warmth. Go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and find out to build a cozier home in just 20 minutes a day. The next two weekends are in the new year on February 19-21 and April 22-24, both in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at [www.mecolumbus.org](#)

Bulletin Editor:

This position is a part time position with the flexibility to do some of the work from home. It requires good organizational skills, good writing and grammar skills, some artistic ability, and some proficiency with publishing software. Experience with InDesign is helpful but we are willing to train. If you are interested, please contact the parish office to set up a meeting with Fr. Trapp. The position requires about 15 hours a week and salary is negotiable.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH DECEMBER 19

Usher	Walden
Lector	J. Humphrey
EM	M. & D. Brickner, C. Haaser
Serve	D. Bezusko, M. Brickner
Sacristan	A. Walter

10:30 A.M. AT THE PAC DECEMBER 21

Usher	Foster
Lector	P. Thomas
EM	E. Bonacci, P. & M. Powers
Serve	C. Powers, N. Bowen
Sacristan	R. Lange

8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH DECEMBER 20

Usher	Elias
Lector	E. Costello
EM	Deacon Tony Bonacci, S. Costello, J. Fisher
Serve	D. Costello, S. Trushel
Sacristan	Deacon T. Bonacci

HOMEBOUND D. Brezusko

COLLECTION COUNTING

Monday, December 14	K. Kaminski, C. Monnin, B. Chuha
Monday, December 21	J. & D. Bradley, P. Runyon

The schedule listed above may not be the most current ministry schedule. Please contact the parish office if you have questions.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Location	140 West Ave., Plain City
Parish Office/PAC	670 W. Main St., Plain City, OH 43064 (Mailing Address)
Office Hours	Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3p.m. (see schedule below)
Office Contact	614-873-8850 office@saintjosephplaincity.com
Website	www.saintjosephplaincity.com
Bulletin Submissions	bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com



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OFFICE HOURS

Day off is Monday
M, W-F 9-3
M, T & Th 7:30-2:30
T & W 9-12

For after hours emergencies, please contact Father Trapp at 614-873-8850 and choose extension 13.

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If you are new to St. Joseph, WELCOME! You can learn more about us at our website and we invite you to introduce yourself to us. Please contact the office to learn about scheduling weddings, baptisms, and preparing for First Communion and Confirmation.