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St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Plain City, Ohio



Scan here to go to our website. From the website, click on the mail icon to receive the latest news via email.

Are you new to Saint Joseph Parish?

Welcome!

Are you new to St. Joseph's? We invite you to please introduce yourself before or after Mass, or stop by the parish office.



**THIS
IS THE
JUBILEE
YEAR OF
MERCY**

MASSES

Weekday Masses are at the church

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekend at the church:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

At the PAC:

Sunday 11 a.m.

ADORATION

M - Th 6 -11 a.m.
& 6 -11 p.m.
Friday: 6-8 a.m.
& 6-11 p.m.

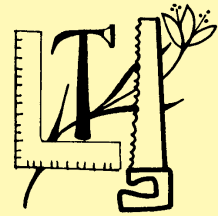
CONFESSIONS

AT CHURCH:
Saturday after
9 a.m. Mass
and 3:30 p.m.
Also by
appointment.



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

ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH? Please stop by the office to register you and your family or call 614-873-8850.



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. To have a name added to the bulletin prayer list please send to: bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com

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. For more information please contact the parish office. We welcome you!

OFFERTORY: You may make your offertory weekly or monthly by visiting our website at www.saintjosephplaincity.com and registering with ONLINE GIVING.



Adoration angels are needed as follows:

Evenings: **Tuesdays** 10 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Wednesdays 8 - 9 p.m.

Fridays 6 - 7 p.m., 10 - 11 p.m.

Please contact Elaine Bonacci to sign up. Thank you!

Please pray for our military:

- 2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF
- SGT Michael S. Bertorello, USA
- 1SGT Kevin R. Gleich, USA
- Logan Hill,
- LTC Patrick Parsons, USAF
- MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
- Lt. Cmdr. Matt Wood, USN



Please pray for who all who are ill and healing:

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| Patricia Ann Allen | Gloria Butler |
| Rhonda Campbell | Josie Campbell |
| Kevin Gleich | David Harris |
| John Harris | John High |
| Gabriel Kaiser | Zachary Kaiser |
| Betty Stricharczuk | Mary Jane Ward |

Mass Intentions & Readings
The Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 10

GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; PS: 113, LK 11: 29-32
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 11

GAL 5:1-6; PS:119; LK 11: 37-41
5:30 P.M. People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 12

GAL 5:18-25; PS: 1; LK 11: 42-46
5:30 p.m. +Marilyn Bates (P. Barry)

Thursday, October 13

EPH 1:1-10; PS: 98; LK 11:47-54
NO MASS

Friday, October 14

EPH 1:11-14; PS: 33; LK 12: 1-7
8 a.m. +Winfred Kirwan (DOD Mar. 19, 1936)

Saturday, October 15

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
EPH: 1:15-23; PS: 8; LK 12: 8-12
9 a.m. +Marilyn Bates (Parish)
4:30 p.m. Monnin Family (C. Monnin)

Sunday, October 16

EX 17:8-13; PS: 121; 2 TM 3:14-4:2; LK 18: 1-8
8:30 a.m. + Beverly Cooper (Parish)
11 a.m. + People of the Parish

Calendar

Monday, October 10

PSR 1st - 6th grades 4:30 p.m.
PSR 1st - 6th grades 6:30 p.m.
No Adoration at Church

Tuesday, October 11

Strength & Stretching 8 a.m.
Bereavement Support 1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12

Knights of Columbus* 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Friday, October 14

Bible Study 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 15

Confessions* 3:30 p.m.
Parish Rosary* 4 p.m.

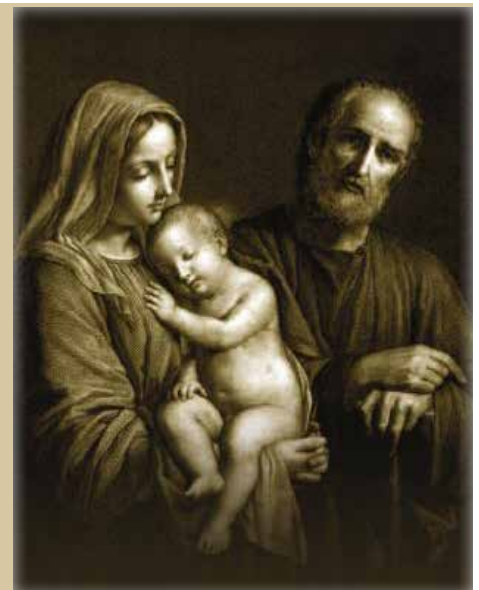
Sunday, October 16

PSR 7th & 8th Grade 9:40 a.m.
Childrens Liturgy during Mass 11 a.m.
K of C Recruitment 12 p.m.
Youth Group 7 p.m.

* indicates event at the church

Join the Knights of Columbus for each Mass the weekend of October 22 - 23 for the Holy Family Devotion. The 4th Degree Knights will begin with the procession by presenting a special icon of the Holy Family that is traveling from parish to parish. The picture was blessed by Pope Francis on June 29, 2015. The featured image is an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842). The original etching, based on a painting by Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassaferrto (1609-1685), is housed in the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Rome.

Monday evening at 7 p.m. St. Joseph's will host a Holy Hour of prayer for all families at the church. We encourage all to join us for this hour of reflection, prayer and meditation with the Holy Family.



Announcements

- October 23 is World Mission Sunday. There is an envelope in your packet for the Propagation of Faith. We will also have a special collection at Masses.
- We need volunteers to become servers, lectors and Extraordinary Ministers. Training will be provided.
- Cookies for Kairos are needed on October 20 at the PAC. We need 600 dozen. Yes! 600!! Cash donations, "dough for dough" will also be collected. Thank you!

Stewardship:

Offertory Collection for Sept. 25, 2016

Envelopes	\$ 2082
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 67
Diocesan Tax (6%)	\$ (129)
Total	\$ 2,010

These numbers do not reflect on-line giving.

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around?

Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.



Picture: Pinterest

October 23, 2016



In a world of need, there are many who live and work on the frontline, making the difference for the poor and forgotten through direct, daily service.

This wonderful team of religious Sisters and Brothers, priests, and dedicated lay leaders provide help and hope in the world's poorest places. They provide essential education and health care, social outreach and advocacy, and pastoral service. In every moment, they offer spiritual comfort and support to the suffering and marginalized. Stay in touch with these change-makers on World Mission Sunday and all year long with **MISSIO**. Visit missio.org, and download the **Missio App**. Be a change-maker!



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith



Catholics Care.
Catholics Vote.



"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13

Participate in political life. | In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org today to read the statement, watch videos, and access other great resources.



BRIDGES OF MERCY FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING

Maria* was going back to Church after her second-grader enrolled in First Communion classes. She didn't know what to say to her daughter after being asked why she didn't go to Communion.

Maria had an abortion in her teens and felt that she couldn't go to confession because she had committed an "unforgivable sin."

Li* and his wife, Vanessa*, were attending counseling to address problems in their marriage. Li decided to finally tell Vanessa that, while in college, he had taken his former girlfriend to get an abortion. Vanessa was devastated.

Jennifer* comes from a large, pro-life family that is active in their parish. At the funeral of her devout, beloved mother, Jennifer was despondent beyond the grief of her loss. Jennifer couldn't stop thinking that her mother in heaven would now discover the secret she had kept for thirty years: the existence of a granddaughter, whom Jennifer had aborted in college because she was too ashamed to tell her parents about her pregnancy.

When Darryl* started attending a parish men's prayer group, he began to feel more connected than ever to his faith. But with his increasing engagement, he began to wonder whether God would really forgive him for encouraging and paying for the abortion of his only child.

Maria, Vanessa, Li, Jennifer, and Darryl are among the tens of millions of Americans whose lives have been directly touched by abortion. Like so many others, they have experienced shame, regret, guilt, and unhealthy secrets. But as they have also experienced, God's healing love and mercy are always possible.

While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin. Here are a few ways that Catholics of different backgrounds can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves:

- If you are like Jennifer, who had an abortion, read the words of St. John Paul II to women who have had abortions.** Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that "you can with sure hope entrust your child" to the Father and his mercy (EV 99).
- If you know someone like Maria who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness. Explain that the Church's Project Rachel Ministry for post-abortion healing can help. (www.HopeAfterAbortion.org)
- If you are a priest who fears alienating parishioners, be confident that you can preach on pro-life issues with sensitivity as long as your message reminds the congregation that no matter how serious the sin, God longs to forgive every repentant heart. Many who have participated in abortion like Maria, Li, Jennifer, or Darryl believe they have committed the "unforgivable sin." Your preaching can be a unique channel of God's mercy for them, inviting them to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Keep all who suffer from post-abortion pain in your prayers, and commit yourself to being an instrument of mercy.

- If you are a parish faith formation leader, become aware of the potential pastoral encounters with those hurting from past abortions like Maria or Darryl. Work with your pastor to include catechesis on forgiveness and reconciliation.
- If you are a member of your parish pro-life committee, remember those who may be suffering like Jennifer or Li. Regularly highlight information about Project Rachel Ministry and post-abortion healing using bulletins, bulletin boards, literature racks, parish webpages and e-newsletters, and any other appropriate means of communication.
- If you are actively involved in public pro-life advocacy which people like Jennifer may encounter, remember to communicate with messages that are respectful, non-judgmental, and compassionate.
- If you are a mental health professional who works with couples like Vanessa and Li, strive to learn more about post-abortion issues and how those you are serving may be affected.
- If you are trying to be a devout parent like Jennifer's mother was, remind your children frequently that you love them unconditionally. Promise they can always come to you when they are troubled or have done something wrong.
- If you belong to a religious community, you can help people like Maria, Vanessa, Li, Jennifer, Darryl, and others by regularly praying for all who are in need of post-abortion healing.
- If you don't specifically know anyone in circumstances similar to those of the people mentioned, you still have an important mission. Keep all who suffer from post-abortion pain in your prayers, and commit yourself to being an instrument of mercy. Show by your example what it means to ask for and extend forgiveness.

All of us are sinners. Yet Pope Francis calls mercy a "bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness" (MV 2). The Holy Father also reminds us, "As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other" (MV 9). Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!

*All names have been changed to protect the privacy of those mentioned.

**See Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (*Gospel of Life*) (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 99.

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This week at St. Joseph's Youth Group:

We will have an epic Lights Out Dodgeball Tournament from 7-8:30 p.m at the PAC. Following, we will have a presentation from our service project partners, Union County Services for the Journey Bag Project.



What is a Journey Bag? When a child is taken from an unsafe home and placed in foster care, it is done so quickly that the child doesn't have time to take their personal belongings. Journey bags are backpacks filled with supplies meant to comfort the child: a soft blanket, stuffed animal, bibles, rosaries etc. Our goal is to spread the love of Jesus to these children so they may find peace. Please consider helping with this important service as an on-going high school YG project. All are invited to join the efforts by donating items. Please contact Emily Winner for details. "I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 24:40

Servers, Lectors and EM's Needed:

If you are interested in serving the Lord in a deeply spiritual way, please think about becoming a Mass Server. We need participants that are 5th grade and older.

We also need several new lectors and Extraordinary Ministers.

These important ministries will help you become closer to our Lord and help our parish's daily needs.

All training provided. Please see Fr. Trapp if interested.

Rosary Garden update: We are preparing to plant trees around the Rosary Garden at the PAC. Tree sponsorship will be available to dedicate a tree in honor/memory of the person or family of your choosing. Please contact the office to reserve a tree. Details will be available soon.

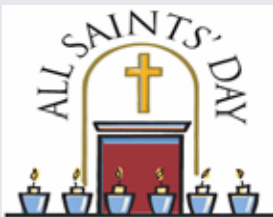


Looking Ahead:



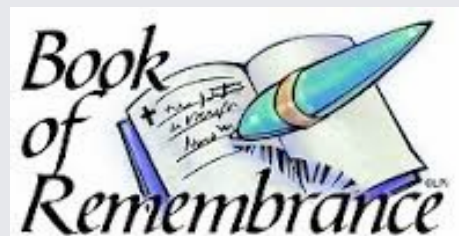
October 22 & 23 will be a special collection for our *St. Martin de Porres Society*. The Christmas season is upon us and St. Martin's needs your generous donations to joyously fulfill the needs of those in our community who might otherwise not be able to afford gifts or a holiday meal for their family. Please be as generous as you can. What a beautiful way to bring the Year of Mercy to a close by offering up your bounty to others.

October 29 & 30 will be our \$5 for 5 special collection to give a boost to our building fund.



Masses for **All Saints Day**, November 1, will be 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., both at the PAC.

Books of Remembrance will be available near the altars at the church and at the PAC. Please stop by after Mass and add the names of your deceased loved ones to the books in preparation for All Souls Day, November 2.



Knights Collecting for Medical Center Veterans



Through the month of October, our Knights of Columbus Council 12772 will be collecting personal goods for veterans at the VA Medical Center in Chillicothe. Goods will be distributed at the annual K of C holiday party on Oct. 29.

Watch for the collection boxes at the Church and at the PAC. Suggested items are listed below; **used items cannot be accepted.**

White T-Shirts	White Briefs	Crew Socks	Slipper Socks	Handkerchiefs
Robes	Towels	Washcloths	Wallets	Flannel Shirts
Sweatshirts	Sweatpants	Baseball Caps	Playing Cards	Greeting Cards
Card Games	Crafting Kits	Pens	Combs	Deodorant
Tissue Packets	Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Shampoo	Shave Cream
Calendars	Prepaid phone cards			

"Jesus Cookies" aka Cookies for Kairos

Jim Dvorsky, Dennis Grose and John O'Connell will be representing St. Joseph Parish as the 40th Kairos team visiting the Marion Correctional Institution the weekend of October 27 - 30th. They need your chocolate chip cookies (preferred) to give to every resident and staff member. Our team is responsible for donating 600 dozen of the 8,000 dozen needed. They are also accepting cash donations for cookie dough. **The last day to bring your baked cookies to the PAC is Thursday, October 20.**

Please continue your participation in The Year of Mercy by assisting this important ministry:

"...I was in prison, and you visited me."

Matthew 25:36



The USCCB offers the following summary of policy position on *Human Life*:



Our 1998 statement, *Living the Gospel of Life*, declares, "Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human life and dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental good and the condition for all others" (no. 5). Abortion, the deliberate killing of a human being before birth, is never morally acceptable and must always be opposed. Cloning and destruction of human embryos for research or even for potential cures are always wrong. The purposeful taking of human life by assisted suicide and euthanasia is not an act of mercy, but an unjustifiable assault on human life. Genocide, torture, and the direct and intentional targeting of noncombatants in war or terrorist attacks are always wrong.

Laws that legitimize any of these practices are profoundly unjust and immoral. Our Conference supports laws and policies to protect human life to the maximum degree possible, including constitutional protection for the unborn and legislative efforts to end abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia. We also promote a culture of life by supporting laws and programs that encourage childbirth and adoption over abortion and by addressing poverty, providing health care, and offering other assistance to pregnant women, children, and families.



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

General Audience:

'The good thief helps us to understand how we should approach God: with awe and not fear, with respect for God's power and infinite goodness. When we approach him in this way, we entrust ourselves to his mercy, even in the darkest of moments.'



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Jesus' words during His Passion culminate in forgiveness: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). For the good thief, these are not mere words, for Jesus truly forgives him. For the bad thief, however, it is inconceivable that the Messiah would remain on the Cross and not save himself. But it is precisely by remaining on the Cross that Jesus offers salvation to every person regardless of their situation. This Jubilee Year is a time of grace and mercy for all, the good and the bad, those in health and those who suffer. It is a time to remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God (cf. Rm 8:39). To all those sick in hospital, who live within the walls of a prison, or who are trapped by war, we are called to look to Christ Crucified on the Cross, who is God with us, who remains with us on the Cross and who offers Himself as our Saviour. The good thief helps us to understand how we should approach God: *with awe and not fear, with respect for God's power and infinite goodness. When we approach Him in this way, we entrust ourselves to His mercy, even in the darkest of moments.* For God is always with us sinners, and He loves us even to death on the Cross. Let us see in the good thief a model of confidence in the Lord and, like him, let us call upon Jesus' name and ask Him to remember us in Paradise.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH Usher Lector EM Serve	OCTOBER 15 T. & S. Thobe D. Rowley D. & M. Brickner, R. Rabold (open), M. Ridder	11 A.M. AT THE PAC Usher Lector EM Serve	OCTOBER 16 P. Thomas, K. Donovan J. Ciuca M. Thiergartner, J. & R. Dvorsky B. & D. Corbitt
8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH Usher Lector EM Serve	OCTOBER 16 J. & D. Foster D. Grose Dcn. T. Bonacci, T. & G. Hare E. & M. Hessick	HOMEBOUND S. Elias	COLLECTION COUNTING October 10 Team St. Diego October 17 Team St. Anthony October 24 Team St. Barbara October 31 Team St. Cunegundes

The schedule listed above may not be the most current ministry schedule.
 Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the latest schedule.