

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



140 West Avenue, Plain City Ohio

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 to register, meet Father Trapp and become part of our parish family.

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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.

MASSES

Weekday Masses are at the church
Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wednesday 5:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Saturday 9 am

Weekend at the church:
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

At the PAC:
Sunday 11 am

ADORATION

M - Th 6 -11 am & 6 -11 pm
Friday: 6-8 am & 6-11 pm

Confessions at church:
Saturday after 9 am Mass and 3:30 pm 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.

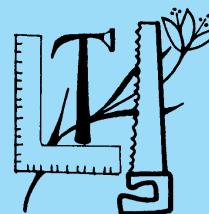
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

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

EUCHARIST 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 HOURS:

Mondays: 6 am - 11 am; 6 pm - 10 pm
Tuesdays: 6 am - 11 am; 6 pm - 10 pm
Wednesdays: 6 am - 11 am; 4 pm - 10 pm
Thursdays: 6 am - 11 am; 4 pm - 10 pm
Fridays: 6 am - 8 am; 6 pm - 10 pm
 Please contact Lori Crock to sign up.
 Subs needed also. Thank you!



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF
 SFC Michael S. Bertorello, USA
 SGT Justin Edwards, ANG
 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:



Patricia Ann Allen	Shannon Eckman	George Geruntino	Kevin Gleich
Florine Hamlin	John Harris	Sam Herriot	John High
Gabriel Kaiser	Zachary Kaiser	Barbara Sievers	Mary Jane Ward

To have your loved one added to the prayer list, please email: bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

4:30 pm AT THE CHURCH Dec 30

Usher: (open), (sub rqstd)
 Lector: D. Ridder, (open)
 EM: K. & J. Fritter, (open)
 Servers: M. Ridder, S. Trushel

9 AM AT THE PAC Dec 31

Usher: J. & P. Trombley
 Lector: D. Gross, G. Hamlin
 EM: Dcn. T. Bonacci, M. Walter, C. Haaser
 Servers: L. & T. Schaughnessy

11 AM AT THE PAC Dec 31

Usher: P. Thomas, J. Cuica
 Lector: D. Duran, D. Rowley
 EM: M. Peck, M. Thiergartner, C. Haaser
 Servers: C. Miller, (sub rqstd)

HOMEBOUND: E. Bonacci, B. Chuha

COLLECTION COUNTING:

JAN	2	Team St. Diego
JAN	8	Team St. Anthony
JAN	15	Team St. Barbara
JAN	22	Team St. Cunegundes



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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS:

Monday, Dec. 25

IS 52: 7-10; PS: 98; HEB 1:1-6; JN 1: 1-18

Midnight: People of the Parish

10 am: Deceased members of the Trapp Family

Tuesday, Dec. 26

Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

ACTS 6:8-10, 7:54-59; PS: 31; MT 10: 17-22

NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Feast of St. John , Apostle & Evangelist

1JN 1:1-4; PS: 97; JN 20:1a AND 2-8

5:30 pm: Dora Mahanna (DOD Apr. 4, 1962)

Thursday, Dec. 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1JN 1:5-2:2; PS: 124; MT 2: 13-18

No Mass

Friday, Dec. 29

Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1JN 2:3-11; PS: 96; LK 2: 22-35

8 am: Margaret Strapp (DOD Sept. 25, 1963)

Saturday, Dec. 30

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1JN 2:12-17; PS: 96; LK 2: 36-40

9 am: Ronald A. Bishop (ME Rich)

4:30 pm: S/I Chuck Bennett (R. & J. Gieseck)

Sunday, Dec. 31

The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS:128; COL 3:12-21; LK 2:22-40

8:30 am: Debra Smith (T. & S. Cutler)

11 am: William Sullivan (DOD April 18, 1964)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK: TIME:

MONDAY, DEC. 25

Office Closed - Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Office Closed - no Morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

Office Closed

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

Confessions*

Rosary*

3:30 pm

4 pm

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

*Denotes event takes place at the Church



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The office will be closed Monday and Friday this week.
- That Man Is You! will begin again on January 6. All men 18 and older are welcome.
- Bible study will resume on January 12.

STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory Collection for December 10, 2017

Envelopes	\$5,450
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 231
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (347)</u>
Total	\$5,334*

*These numbers do not reflect on-line Giving

Nov, 2017 Online Giving: \$11,864

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

- LUKE 1:28



Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of

God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

The Parish office will be closed on December 22 and 25; as well as December 29 and January 1.



**Forming now:
Moms in Prayer**

Attention moms desiring to pray for your children:

Do you want to impact kids and schools for Christ? Are you looking for other moms who understand your struggles and concerns? We hope to form *Moms In Prayer*, a group that will meet twice a month - where kids are always welcome and prayer, faith, and fun are the focus!

Text or Call Emily Winner at 740-602-1673 if you are interested in joining a group or learning more.

Join us to pray for the next generation!

We pray for the souls of Joyce Madry and David Harris who both passed away December



13. May their families find solace in this Christmas season despite their sorrow.

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PLAIN CITY, OHIO**

Christmas 2017

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, Saturday, Vigil Mass 4:30 pm
at the Church
December 24, Sunday, 9:00 am
at the Parish Activity Center*

*December 24
Christmas Liturgies
4:00 pm
Vigil Mass at the Church*

*4:00 pm
Children's Christmas Liturgy
with Christmas Pageant
at the Parish Activity Center*

*7:00 pm
Vigil Mass at the Parish Activity Center*

*December 25
12 Midnight Mass
in Candlelight at the Church*

*10:00 am
Christmas Morning Mass
at the Church*

Caroling a half-hour prior to all Liturgies

St. Joseph Parish upcoming events:

- Mass for New Years Day will be at 10 am at the church. This is NOT a Holy Day of obligation.
- PSR will return on January 7 for Junior High and January 8 for Elementary students.
- The Parish Chili Cook-off will be Sunday, January 28. Stay tuned for details.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Mass schedule will be published soon.
- The Catholic Women's Conference will be February 17-18; the Catholic Men's Conference will be February 24-15. Please see www.cvent.com for details.
- The St. Joseph Feast Day Potluck will be March 18, at 5:30 pm at the PAC. Details coming soon.



Silent Night, Holy Night

The story of Silent Night begins in the beautiful city of Salzburg, Austria. In the splendor of that baroque city ruled by the Prince Archbishop, a simple weaver named Anna lived. Anna, alone in this world, was of very modest means with little hope of raising her lifestyle or even marrying. One day she fell in love with a soldier, stationed in Salzburg. In a fling, she and the soldier conceived a child, who was born on December 11, 1792. However, he took no responsibility for his child, and left Anna and the baby to fend for themselves. Nevertheless, Anna gave the soldier's surname to her baby, whom she named Joseph Mohr. Being an unwed mother with a bastard child, Anna knew the scorn and rejection of society. She finally asked the city hangman to be the godparent to her baby Joseph.



Anna provided as best she could for Joseph and realized that a good education would give him the hope of a good future. The local parish priest recognized his brightness and his singing ability. He arranged for Joseph to attend the famous abbey school of Kremsmunster. There, young Joseph excelled in his studies. He later realized he had a vocation to the priesthood and entered the seminary at the age of 16. Finally, when he was ready for ordination at the age of 22, Joseph needed a special dispensation since he had no father.

Joseph Mohr was assigned as the assistant pastor at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, about 10 miles northwest of Salzburg on the River Salzach. (The church of St. Nicholas was destroyed by flooding in 1899, but a memorial chapel stands there today.) The parish was of very modest means, and the pastor was strict and frugal to say the least.

Here Father Mohr became friends with Franz Gruber. Gruber was the son of a weaver, who had little appreciation for music. Franz was expected to follow in the trade of his father. Despite his father's disapproval, Franz began playing the guitar and the organ. The parish priest allowed Franz even to practice in Church. His talents too were recognized, and he was sent to school for formal music training. He eventually settled in the town of Oberndorf, working as a music teacher and raising his family of 12 children. Mohr and Gruber shared their love of music, and both played the guitar.

On December 23, 1818, with Christmas fast approaching, Mohr went to visit a mother and her new born child. On the way back to the Rectory, he paused by the river and meditated on the first Christmas. He wrote a poem capturing the essence of that great faith event, and called it Silent Night, Holy Night. In his composition, he captured the ineffable mystery of the incarnation and birth of our Lord: The holy infant Jesus, who is Christ the Savior, Son of God, and Love's pure light, was born of Mary and filled the world with the redeeming grace from Heaven.

Upon his return to the parish, he was confronted with the news that the organ was broken. Voracious mice had eaten through the bellows, disabling the wind system necessary for the pipes to produce music. Being so close to Christmas and without sufficient funds to consider repairing the organ, the people feared that Midnight Mass would be silent. Father Mohr rushed to the home of his friend, Franz Gruber, and shared his plight. He handed Gruber the poem, and asked him to write a melody for it to be played on the guitar. Franz Gruber completed the task in time. At Midnight Mass, 1818, the world heard for the first time the simple yet profound song we know as Silent Night.

The song was well received, and quickly spread throughout Austria, oftentimes being called simply A Tyrolean Carol. Frederick Wilhelm IV, King of Prussia, heard Silent Night at the Berlin Imperial Church and ordered it to be sung throughout the kingdom at Christmas pageants and services. Ironically, the music gained fame without any attribution to its composers. Some thought Michael Haydn, the brother of the famous composer Franz Joseph Haydn, wrote the piece. Frederick Wilhelm, thereby, ordered a search.

One day, the king's agents arrived at St. Peter's monastery in Salzburg, inquiring about the composers of Silent Night. Felix, the son of Franz Gruber, who was a student there, approached them and told them the story behind Silent Night and directed them to his father, who was now the choir master of another parish. From that time on, both Mohr and Gruber were credited with Silent Night.

Father Joseph Mohr died at the age of 56 of tuberculosis on December 4, 1848. Gruber died at the age of 76.

Our English translation is attributed to Jane Campbell in 1863, and was carried to America in 1871, appearing in Charles Hutchins Sunday School Hymnal.

Each year as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, may we truly take to heart the words of Silent Night and may its message be carried in our own thoughts, words, and deeds.

Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good Night!

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