

# WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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St. Joseph Catholic Church,  
Plain City, Ohio



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## 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.

## 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:

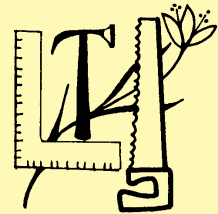
Saturday after 9 a.m. Mass and 3:30 p.m.  
Also by appointment.



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.saintjosephplaincity.com) and registering with ONLINE GIVING.



Adoration angels are needed in the evenings as follows:

**Mondays** 10- 11 p.m. **Tuesdays** 10 - 11 p.m.

**Wednesdays** 8 - 9 p.m. **Thursdays** 10 - 11 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:**

Patricia Ann Allen	Gloria Butler
Rhonda Campbell	George Geruntino
Kevin Gleich	Florine Hamlin
David Harris	John Harris
John High	Gabriel Kaiser
Zachary Kaiser	Betty Stricharczuk
Mary Jane Ward	

*Mass Intentions & Readings*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**Monday, December 12**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
ZEC 2:14-17; PS: JDT13; LK: 1:26-38  
NO MASS

**Tuesday, December 13**

Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr  
ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS: 34; MT 21:28-32  
5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

**Wednesday, December 14**

Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
IS 45: 6c-8, 18, 21c-25; PS: 85; LK: 7:18b-23  
5:30 p.m. Shockey Family (L. Giardina)

**Thursday, December 15**

IS 54:1-10; PS: 30; LK 7: 24-30  
NO MASS

**Friday, December 16**

IS 56: 1-3a, 6-8; PS: 67; JN 5: 33-36  
8 a.m. Patricia Hunter (S. Block)

**Saturday, December 17**

GN 49:2, 8-10' PS: 72; MT 1:1-17  
9 a.m. Marilyn Bates (Parish)  
4:30 p.m. Belle Thompson (DOD Feb. 10, 1938)

**Sunday, December 18**

IS 7:10-14; PS: 24; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24  
8:30 a.m. SI: Crock Family (Crock Family)  
11 a.m. Helen Grywalski (Parish)

*Calendar*

**Monday, December 12**

PSR 1st - 6th grades 4:30 p.m.  
Pageant Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  
PSR 1st - 6th grades 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 13**

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

**Wednesday, December 14**

RCIA 7 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus 8 p.m.

**Thursday, December 15**

Giving Tree Distribution 6 p.m.  
Choir Practice 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 16**

Bible Study 9 a.m.

**Saturday, December 17**

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

**Sunday, December 18**

PSR 7th & 8th grade 9:40 a.m.  
Folk Choir Practice 9:45 a.m.  
Parish Penance Service 4 p.m.  
Youth Group 7 p.m.

\* indicates event at the church



**Christmas Poinsettia Flower Donations**

If you would like to make a cash donation for a potted flower in honor of, or in memory of a loved one please send in this week.

Checks should be payable to St. Joseph Church. There is also an envelope in your monthly packet. A list of honorees will be printed in the Christmas Day bulletin.

**Attention:**

The wrapping event for the presents for the "adopted families" of St. Martin de Porres is **canceled** for this Tuesday, December 13.

Thank you!



## Announcements

- Practices for the Children's Christmas Pageant for Christmas Eve Mass will are each Monday between PSR sessions from 5:30 p.m to 6:20 p.m.
- There is still time to shop for the Giving Tree items. Please bring your gifts to the PAC by this Wednesday. Distribution night is this Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.
- The wrapping event for the St. Martin de Porres adopted families has been canceled on Tuesday.

## Parish Penance Service

Please join us for our Parish Penance Service on next Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m. at the PAC. Multiple priests will be available.



## Stewardship:

### Offertory Collection for Nov 27, 2016

Envelopes	\$3,542
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 166
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (222)</u>
Total	\$3,486

These numbers do not reflect on-line giving.  
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***"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."*** JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



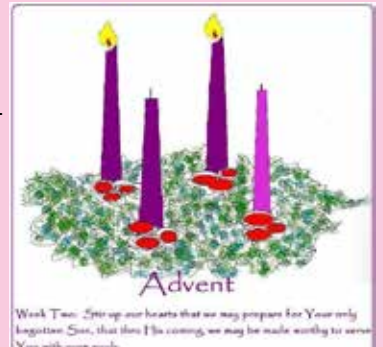
## Save the Date

Women's Day of Renewal at  
St. Joseph PAC  
Saturday, January 14,  
9-Noon

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## Are you looking for a beautiful way to honor Advent with your family?

Consider being part of the procession at Mass and lighting the Advent Wreath Candles. We also ask that your family present the gifts during offertory. We are looking for a different family each Mass. Sign-up sheets are available at the PAC and the church.





Thank you for your continued support for the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In December we expect to receive the first payment of the funds collected over our parish goal. The \$2,088 will be used in the general fund to help parish maintenance expenses and our Youth Group. Thank you!

## Congratulations Deacon Dave Bezusko

God's Blessings for Deacon Dave Bezusko on his Holy Ordination to the Diaconate of Columbus on November 26, 2016. For four years Dave has committed his time and love to become a Deacon for the Church.

We celebrate and thank Deacon Dave on his tremendous accomplishment. May God's light shine upon you and your family and all those you counsel and help.

Congratulations Deacon!



## Why Should I become of Knight of Columbus?



In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney gathered a small group of parishioners in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. His purpose was to establish a group of men, united in their faith and to provide for Catholic families in times of need. This was the beginning of the Knights of Columbus.

Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities. We are a growing organization - more than 1.9 million members - and for over 130 years have committed to overcome the challenges of the need for food, shelter, warm clothing and financial security, as well as provide aid for widows and orphans in our local communities.

**Joining your local council of the Knights of Columbus can change your life.** As a Knight, you have the opportunity to strengthen your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our portfolio of top-quality insurance products to financially protect your family.

Our council is looking to add new members. If you are interested please contact Grand Knight Carl Haaser at 614-891-1962 or pick up a registration form at the PAC.



Congratulations to Robert and Kelly Timberlake on the Christening of their daughter: Georgia Lee on Saturday,

December 3. Kelly's uncle, Deacon Craig Smith, officiated on this wonderful day.

May God Bless and keep Georgia Lee all the days of her life. Amen.



**Christmas Mass Schedule**



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**Christmas Vigil:** December 24, 4 p.m. at the church **and** 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. at the PAC.

**The Children's Vigil Mass will be at 4 p.m. at the PAC.** We need children in grades 1-8 to be readers, petitioners, angels and the Holy Family. Also parent volunteers to help get the kids dressed in costumes. **Practices will be Dec. 12, & 19th in between PSR times: 5:30 p.m to 6:20 p.m.**

**Mass at Midnight:** 12 a.m. at the church

**Christmas Day:** December 25, Mass will be at 10 a.m. at the Church.

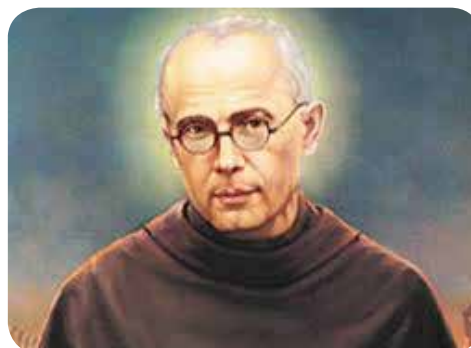
Masses for New Year's Weekend will be the regular schedule.

We ask that if you are attending any Mass at the church, that you courteously observe the parking laws. Additional parking is available at the auto shop at Center St. and Gay St. Thank you.



**Today at Youth Group:**

As we prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas, it is a time to remove all things that keep us from focusing on our Savior. An amazing example of this is Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Maximilian was a Polish Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp, Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during World War II. His unending devotion to The Immaculate nourished his soul while being imprisoned and while overcoming tuberculosis, even dying the day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



January 8, 1894 - August 14, 1941

***"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers."***

**December 18 at Youth Group:**

All teens are encouraged to attend the Parish Penance Service from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the PAC. *The penance service is our youth group activity for the week.* There will be no Youth group at 7:00 that evening. There is no Youth Group December 25 or January 1. Merry Christmas to all!

**PSR reminders:**

There are **no PSR** classes or **Youth Group** December 25 - 26 and January 1 - 2.



Saturday, January 21, 2017, at the PAC from 8:30 a.m to Noon: First Reconciliation Retreat. This is a required class for all second graders. Please dress in clothes that can get dirty.

Sunday, February 5, 2017, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the PAC is First Reconciliation.

Please update your Kroger Card Community Rewards. Sign into your Kroger account on-line, choose: Community Rewards and use code: 82162 or search for St. Joseph Catholic Church-Plain City. This is at no additional cost to you. Thank you.



**Pope Francis’  
General Audience:  
“Today we conclude our series  
of catechesis on the corporal  
and spiritual works of mercy”**



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we conclude our series of catechesis on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The last of the corporal works of mercy, burying the dead, is not untimely, when we think of the many people who risk their lives in order to give decent burial to the victims of war and armed conflict in various parts of our world. Like Joseph of Arimathea, who offered his own tomb for the burial of Jesus, we Christians devoutly bury our dead in hope of the resurrection. The last of the spiritual works of mercy, praying for the living and the dead, is especially meaningful in this month of November, when we commemorate all the faithful departed. Prayer for the living and the dead is an eloquent expression of the communion of saints. Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who knows our deepest desires and hopes, and embrace in our prayer all those in any kind of need. May the corporal and spiritual works of mercy on which we have meditated throughout the Holy Year continue to inspire and guide our Christian lives on the path of God’s mercy.

[www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<p>4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH Usher Lector EM Serve</p>	<p>DECEMBER 17 T. &amp; S. Thobe T. Schurman L. &amp; K. Kaminski, J. Humphrey E. &amp; R. Rice</p>	<p>11 A.M. AT THE PAC Usher Lector EM Serve</p>	<p>DECEMBER 18 M. &amp; W. Brown M. Thiergartner D. Grose, A. Powers, R. Rabold B. Grywalski, (sub needed)</p>
<p>8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH Usher Lector EM Serve</p>	<p>DECEMBER 18 J. &amp; J. Elias M. Valois Dcn. T. Bonacci, T. &amp; G. Hare H. &amp; J. Dee</p>	<p>HOMEBOUND COLLECTION COUNTING December 11 December 18 December 27 January 3</p>	<p>P. Thonmas Team St. Anthony Team St. Barbara Team St. Cunegundes Team St. Diego</p>

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