

# WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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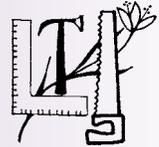


St. Joseph Catholic Church,  
Plain City, Ohio



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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 as follows:

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

**Wednesdays** 8 - 9 p.m. **Thursdays** 9 - 10 p.m. - every 4th week

**Fridays** 10 - 11 p.m.

Please contact Elaine Bonacci to sign up. Thank you!

**Please pray for our military:**

2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF  
 SFC 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  
 George Geruntino  
 Elfriede Gregel  
 David Harris  
 John High  
 Zachary Kaiser  
 Mary Jane Ward

Rhonda Campbell  
 Kevin Gleich  
 Florine Hamlin  
 John Harris  
 Gabriel Kaiser  
 Betty Stricharczuk

*Mass Intentions & Readings*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**Monday, March 27**

IS 65: 17-21; PS: 30; JN 4:43-54  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 28**

EZ 47: 1-9,12; PS: 46; JN 5: 1-16  
**5:30 p.m.** Pat Barry (S. Block)

**Wednesday, March 29**

IS 49: 8-15; PS: 145; JN 5: 17-30  
**5:30 p.m.** Joe Hofbauer (Hofbauer/Rice Families)

**Thursday, March 30**

EX 32: 7-14; PS: 106; JN 5: 31-47  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, March 31**

WIS 2:1A, 12-22; PS: 34; JN 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30  
**8 a.m.** Shockey Family (L. Giardina)

**Saturday, April 1**

JER 11:18-20; PS: 7; JN 7: 40-53  
**9 a.m.** William Hoffman (S. Block)  
**4:30 p.m.** People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 2**

EZ 37: 12-14; PS: 130; ROM 8: 8-11; JN 11:1-45  
**8:30 a.m.** Charles Woodruff (Parish)  
**11 a.m.** William LaPorte (J. & R. Dvorsky)

*Calendar*

**Monday, March 27**

PSR 1st-6th Grades 4:30 p.m.  
 PSR 1st-6th Grades 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 28**

55+ meeting 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 29**

**Alpha 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 30**

Choir practice 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 31**

Bible Study 9 a.m.  
 K of C Fish Fry 5:30 p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross\* 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 1**

Confessions & Parish Rosary\* 3:30 p.m.  
 K of C Pennies for Heaven\* after Mass

**Sunday, April 2**

PSR - 7th & 8th Grades 9:40 a.m.  
 Youth Group 7 p.m.  
 K of C Pennies for Heaven after each Mass  
 \* event takes place at the church

**April Fool's Day Has Catholic Roots**

Though the exact origins are a mystery, many scholars speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582 when France switched over from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar as called for from the Council of Trent in 1563. In those days without Internet and television, news was very slow to reach all peoples. Those that did not hear about or recognize the change that January 1 would be the first calendar day of a new year continued to celebrate the start of a new year during the last week of March to the 1st of April. Those people became the butt of jokes and hoaxes for not getting the message such as having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril," "April fish", said to symbolize a young, and easily caught fish and gullible person.

The Gregorian calendar decreed by Pope Gregory XIII erased approximately 11 days from the Julian calendar to more accurately represent the number of days it takes the earth to circle the sun. This also fixed the date of the vernal equinox to March 21 and as a result created a more accurate scheduling of Easter Sunday. Great Britain, a protestant country, thought this was an overreach by the Catholic Church and did not adopt the change until 1752, as did Colonial America. Ben Franklin wrote in agreement of the change, "It is pleasant for an old man to be able to go to bed on September 2, and not have to get up until September 14." compiled from: www.catholicsensibility.wordpress.com, www.timeanddate.com & www.history.com

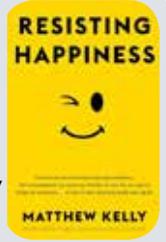


## Announcements

- Today is a special collection for Catholic Relief Services.
- The 55+ group will have their meeting this Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the PAC.
- Youth Group will have bowling and pizza at Plain City Lanes next Sunday.

## Our Weekly Reflection:

“Being alone is not the same as feeling lonely, but one can slip effortlessly into the other without a moment’s notice. Perhaps this is why people obsess about ensuring they always have plans and always have someone around.



The fear of being alone is the father of many relationships that never should have been. When we choose to be with someone because we are afraid of being alone, we dishonor ourselves and the other person.

Loneliness...is a great teacher. It's a form of pain, and pain can be a ruthless teacher. Interestingly, solitude is the cure for loneliness. When we are afraid of being alone, we should go into it. Dive deep into it. Solitude teaches profound lessons, especially about ourselves. Feeling lonely has value. Sometimes we need to turn inward to discover what we need to hold on to and what we need to let go of.

In many ways, I believe that until we learn to be comfortable alone - and more than that, to enjoy our own company - we are not really ready to live a bold and passionate life.”

Read more [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

## Stewardship:

### Offertory Collection for March 5, 2017

Envelopes*	\$5,482
Loose* (Unknown)	\$ 124
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<del>\$ (336)</del>
Total	\$5,270

\*These numbers do not reflect on-line giving.

February 2017 Online Giving: \$12,776

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**“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.”** 1 SAMUEL 16:7



How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all

to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

## Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
3. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and juice are allowed. When health or the ability to work is seriously affected the law does not oblige.

**CELEBRATE  
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER  
AS THE PARISH FAMILY OF  
SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Palm Sunday**

4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of the Passion of The Lord with Blessing of Palm  
8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord with Blessing of Palm  
11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord with Procession  
Gathering outside the (PAC) Parish Hall for Procession  
(Weather permitting)

**Daily Mass at the Church**

Monday: 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.

**Holy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Until 10:00 p.m., at the Church

**Good Friday**

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday**

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets  
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)  
8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday  
AT THE CHURCH**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord  
8:30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

**AT THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER (PAC)**

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Easter Egg Hunt following 11:00 a.m. Mass  
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

**ALPHA - MARCH 29, 6:30 p.m.**

This week we will discuss *"Why and How Should I Tell Others?"*

**BIBLE STUDY - FRIDAYS MORNINGS 10 a.m.**

The Friday Bible Study - Continuing with the Study of the Gospel of Mathew. Using the Jeff Cavins course of study, *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*. Friday Mornings - Following Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Double Classroom in the PAC.

**DAILY MASS**

Participating in daily mass is the best reminder to keep your Lenten resolutions. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 am Saturday, 9:00 am - Mercy and Life Mass – followed with Praying the Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Parish Adoration Program - join with many parishioners who devote themselves in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament praying for the needs of many and personal prayer. Come and pray for an hour. Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane asked his Peter: "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? (MT 26:40) Monday-Friday mornings: 6am – 11am; evenings: 6pm – 11pm at Church.

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

The Communal Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation will be on April 6, Thursday, at the PAC, extra priests will be available for this Penance Service with individual confessions. Confessions Saturdays, following the 9:00am Mass for Mercy and Life and 3:30 – 4:00pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Church**

The traditional Friday Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed; together we follow the final steps of Christ along the Sorrowful Way to Calvary.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL and ST. MARTIN DE PORRES AND PLAIN CITY FOOD PANTRY**

Catholic Relief Services, CRS's calls this "Operation Rice Bowl," because many people in the world only survive on a bowl of rice a day. Rice Bowl feeds the world, supports agriculture and water projects, and projects that help the self-sufficiency and dignity of the poor in many nations. **25% of Rice Bowl funds collected remains in our diocese for local poverty alleviation projects. 25% OF ALL OUR RICE BOWL'S WILL SUPPORT THE ST. MARTIN DE PORRES AND 25% PLAIN CITY'S FOOD PANTRY.**

**PARISH LENTEN PROJECT: MISSION SUPPORT**

The collection of non-prescription medicines for Northern Nurses Without Borders for our parishioner, Megan Will, to take on her medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. She is asking for: *Acetaminophen & ibuprofen & aspirin, vitamins, anti-itch creams, cold medicines, throat/cough drops, stomach relief, hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, swabs, bandages, tongue depressors and band-aids. She is also gratefully accepting cash and check donations made payable to: Northern Nurses Without Borders. Thank you!*



**Knights of Columbus Pennies for Heaven**

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Pennies for Heaven Campaign the weekend of **April 1 - 2**. The money raised will support our seminarians and promote vocations. They will be collecting after each Mass. Please pray for our seminarians and for vocations.

**Let Your Marriage Teach Others**

What can your marriage teach? Engaged couples in our diocese need your help and insight. Volunteer to serve on the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Team as a speaker and presenter. You can present virtues-based topics to engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you are currently married and have wisdom to impart and experiences to share you qualify! For more information please contact Kathleen Hall at [khall@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:khall@columbuscatholic.org) or at 614-241-2560.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH Fry Fridays**

JOIN US every Friday DURING LENT at 5:30 p.m.

Carry out available

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE DESSERT TABLE. WOW! Free-WILL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT OUR ST. MARTIN DE PORRES SOCIETY.

**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event**

Friday, April 7, 2017  
 The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by John Bradford the founder of Wilderness Outreach. This month's luncheon is sponsored by the Catholic Layman's Retreat League. Please join us Friday, April 7th at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and John's talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!  
 For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc) or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President at [htm@ejhlaw.com](mailto:htm@ejhlaw.com).



**We are looking for St. Joseph women to begin a leadership team of Walking With Purpose here at St. Joseph.**

St. John Neumann in Sunbury is holding an informational introduction to the program on April 1 from 9 a.m. - Noon. Please contact Father Trapp if you are interested in attending on April 1st, or beginning a chapter here at St. Joseph's.

Pic: trademark: Walking With Purpose

Thank you to everyone who participates in the paper recycling at the PAC outdoor bin, the Kroger Plus Card Community Rewards and the Amazon Smile charity account. These are great ways to help St. Joseph without extra money out of pocket. We appreciate everyone's involvement.

**Easter Flowers**

There is still time to offer a donation for the flowers that will adorn the altars for Easter Sunday. Please use the envelope in your monthly packet or pick up one at the church or PAC. Please designate if you would like to offer in honor of or memory of a loved one. Deadline to be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin is Monday, April 3. Thank you!



**Coming up at St. Joe's Youth Group**

No YG on March 26th, but check out the activities for the rest of the year! All events are at the PAC from 7:00-8:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

**April 2-** Bowling at Plain City Lanes 6:30-8:30 (Middle School and High School students)

**April 6-** Parish Penance Service 7:00-8:00

**April 9-** Viewing of 'The Passion' followed by Adoration (@ the church)

**April 23-** Speaker Fr. Joshua Wagner (Middle School and High School students)

**April 30-** Sleep in Sunday (Mass @ 5:30 YG and pizza following from 6:30-7:30)

**Call to Family, Community and Participation**



**Encounter Maria:**

Maria de la Luz Lugo Martínez remembers what it was like growing up in Ejido Hidalgo, Mexico. "We said we were rich because we had a lot of corn, beans and animals." But now, with few jobs and even less rain, young people—including Maria's children—are leaving the community in search of a better life.



To help families like Maria's, CRS launched a greenhouse project empowering women with meaningful work and community. Women visit their community greenhouses to grow cactuses to sell—but they also go for so much more. "At the greenhouses, we laugh, we talk, we spend time together. Sometimes we leave our homes angry or sad. But then we start working with the plants, and we forget. Talking, laughing—we forget our problems for a while," says Maria.

As the cactuses grow, so do the economic opportunities. "We didn't believe we were going to get that far. It's a lot of joy, a lot of excitement to see so many plants flowering."

The flourishing cactuses aren't the only things that give Maria pride. Even though they live far away, she still remains close to her family. "I give thanks to God that he gave me all my children and grandchildren," she says. "They give me strength and courage to work hard. My children call and say, 'Don't give up, Mom. Have faith in God.'"

**Youth Group Bowling Night at Plain City Lanes Open to all Middle School and High School Students**

Bowling and all you can eat pizza and pop for \$5.00! Sunday, April 2nd from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Plain City Lanes



Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. at the Church.



# Pope Francis' General Audience: 'Be Witnesses of God's Love'

## Official Synthesis of the Catechesis



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, today we consider the joy that hope brings to our daily exercise of charity. We know how difficult it is to love as our Lord commands us, and how often our love can be tainted by self-interest. It is important to remember that love – charity – is a grace, the fruit of our saving encounter with God's own love. Saint Paul reminds us that the Lord's grace forgives our sins, heals our hearts and enables us to become channels of his own unconditional love. Our efforts to love our brothers and sisters with a pure and disinterested love are really our response to the love we have been shown in Christ. Conscious of our human weakness, let us ask our Lord daily to renew the gift of his love within us and to enable us to be witnesses of that love to others, especially those in greatest need. In this way, we will fulfill the Apostle's command to "rejoice in hope" (Rom 12:12), as we strive to grow in the life of charity and to draw others to the merciful love of the Father.

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH** **APRIL 1**  
 Usher M. & K. Walden  
 Lectors A. Walter, B. Hess  
 EM Dcn. T. Bonacci, D. & M. Brickner  
 Serve E. & R. Rice

**8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH** **APRIL 2**  
 Usher B. Sievers, J. Elias  
 Lectors E. Chervenak, A. Crock  
 EM Dcn. T. Bonacci, L. Crock, J. Fisher  
 Serve M. Ridder, S. Trushel

**11 A.M. AT THE PAC** **APRIL 2**  
 Usher M. & W. Brown  
 Lectors G. Slane, B. Seciliot  
 EM Dcn. T. & E. Bonacci, M. Thiergartner  
 Serve

**HOMEBOUND** E. Bonacci, B. Chuha

**COLLECTION COUNTING**  
 April 3 Team St. Anthony  
 April 10 Team St. Barbara  
 April 18 Team St. Cunegundes  
 April 24 Team St. Diego



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