

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.

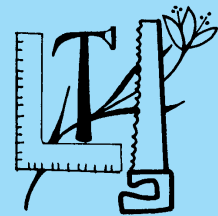
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

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 om
 - Thursdays:** 6 am - 11 am; 4 pm - 10 om
 - 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:



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| Patricia Ann Allen | Shannon Eckman | George Geruntino | Kevin Gleich |
| Florine Hamlin | David Harris | 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 23

- Usher: M. & K. Walden
- Lector: T. Thobe, M. Wood
- EM: M. & D. Brickner, D. Needham
- Servers: E. & R. Rice

9 AM AT THE PAC Dec 24

- Usher: **open**
- Lector: T. Schwope, **open**
- EM: Dcn. T. Bonacci, T. & G. Hare
- Servers: J. O'Connell, S. Trushel

11 AM AT THE PAC Dec 24

- Usher: **no 11 am Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Please adjust your schedules.**
- Lector: **Thank you!**
- EM: **Thank you!**
- Servers:

HOMEBOUND:

P. Thomas

COLLECTION COUNTING:

- DEC 26 Team St. Cunegundes
- JAN 2 Team St. Diego
- JAN 8 Team St. Anthony
- JAN 9 Team St. Barbara



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. 18

JER 23:5-8; PS 72: MT 1:18-25

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 19

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS: 71; LK 1:5-25

5:30 pm: William E. Fitzgerald (DOD Nov. 22, 1959)

Wednesday, Dec. 20

IS 7: 1-14; PS: 24; LK 1: 26-38

5:30 pm: Lindy Dziczkowski (Colopy)

Thursday, Dec. 21

SG 2:8-14; PS: 33; LK 1: 39-45

No Mass

Friday, Dec. 22

1SM 1:24-28; 1SM2; LK 1: 46-56

8 am: Shirley Block (Suzanne Haines)

Saturday, Dec. 23

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; PS: 25; LK 1:57-66

9 am: Suzanne Haines (S. Block)

4:30 pm @ PAC: Hamilton Family (R. & J. Gieseck)

Sunday, Dec. 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; PS: 89; ROM 16:25-27;

LK 1:26-38

9 am @ PAC: John Wiggins (J. & S. York)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK: TIME:

MONDAY, DEC. 18

PSR Grades 1 - 6 4:30 pm

Christmas Pageant Practice 5:30 pm

PSR Grades 1 - 6 6:30 pm

TUESDAY, DEC. 19

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

Parish Penance Service 7 pm

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Choir Practice 7 pm

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

Office Closed

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

Confessions* 3:30 pm

Rosary* 4 pm

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

**Denotes event takes place at the Church*

Please sign up for Christmas Masses for EM's, Lectors, Ushers and Servers. We need you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- With 4 Masses for Christmas, we need Lectors, EM's, Servers and Ushers to sign up on MinistryPro as soon as possible.
- The parish Penance Service is this Wednesday at 7 pm at the PAC.

STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory Collection for December 3, 2017

Envelopes	\$3,090
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 237
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (200)</u>
Total	\$3,127*

*These numbers do not reflect on-line Giving

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
PENANCE SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
7 PM AT THE PAC
MULTIPLE PRIESTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE
COME AND PREPARE YOUR
SOUL FOR THE BLESSED
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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



There is just 1 more practice session for the Children's Christmas Pageant: Monday, December 18. Please have your child(ren) at the PAC by 5:30 pm for dress rehearsal.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



Congratulations to Kyle Graber and Christine Brady on the baptism of their son Hudson James. Welcome to the Lord's Family, little one. We cherish you with open arms.

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC
CHURCH
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.



POPE FRANCIS' MORNING ANGELUS

Advent invites us to Prepare

December 10, 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning!

Last Sunday we began Advent with the invitation to watch. Today, the second Sunday of this time of preparation for Christmas, the Liturgy points out the proper contents: it's the time to recognize the voids to fill in our life, to smooth the asperities of pride and make room for Jesus who is coming.

The prophet Isaiah addresses the people announcing the end of the exile in Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. He prophesizes: "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord [. . .] Every valley shall be lifted up'" (40:3). The valleys to be lifted up represent all the voids of our behavior before God, all our sins of omission. A void in our life can be the fact that we don't pray or pray little. Hence, Advent is the favorable moment to pray with more intensity, to give to the spiritual life the important place it deserves. Another void might be our lack of charity towards our neighbor, especially towards those most in need of help, not only material but also spiritual. We are called to be more conscious of the needs of others, closer to them. Thus, like John the Baptist, we can open paths of hope in the desert of the arid hearts of so many people.

"Every mountain and hill be made low" (v. 4), exhorts again Isaiah. The mountains and hills that must be made low are pride, haughtiness & arrogance. Where there is pride, where there is arrogance, where there is haughtiness the Lord can't enter because that heart is full of pride, of haughtiness, of arrogance. Therefore, we must lower this pride. We must assume meek and humble attitudes, without rebuking, listening, talking meekly and thus preparing the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart (Cf. Matthew 11:29). Then we are asked to eliminate all the obstacles we put to our union with the Lord: "The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed – says Isaiah — and all flesh shall see it together" (Isaiah 40:4-5). However, these actions are to be done with joy, because they are geared to the preparation of Jesus' arrival. When we expect at home the visit of a dear person, we prepare everything with care and happiness. We want to predispose ourselves in the same way for the coming of the Lord: to attend to Him every day with solicitude, to be filled with His grace when He comes.

The Savior we await is able to transform our life with the strength of the Holy Spirit, with the strength of love. In fact, the Holy Spirit effuses in our hearts the love of God, inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and of freedom. The Virgin Mary lived this reality in fullness, allowing herself to be "baptized" by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with His power. May she, who prepared the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and guide our steps to encounter the Lord who is coming.

www.zenit.org

St. Joseph Youth Group:



Today is the holiday party. Bring a white elephant for the gift exchange valued at \$5.00. We will be playing Gaga Ball - and wear your best crazy Christmas sweater - we will have a prize for best (or worst) dressed. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Dave Bezusko. We will have lots of games, cookies, music & more. All teens in 8th grade and up are welcome. Our next scheduled meeting times will be January 7, 14 and 21st at 7 pm at the PAC. Have a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.