

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

January 5, 2014 - The Epiphany of the Lord  
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## St. Joseph Parish

### Mission Statement

*We, the faith community of Saint Joseph Parish, open to the Spirit as disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaim, witness and celebrate the Kingdom of God among us, through service, healing and reconciling love.*



## *Masses for the Week*

<b>Monday, Jan 6,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Charlotte Hirt</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jan 7,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Mike Longo</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan 8,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Kathleen Caulfield</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan 9,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Clara Dieringer</b>
<b>Friday, Jan 10,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Eric &amp; Theresa Schneider &amp; Family</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan 11,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Michael Kics</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Steve Kolakowski Jr.</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 12,</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Joseph Parishioners</b>

**Parish Registration:** Call the rectory Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Baptisms:** Call the rectory to schedule

**Weddings:** You must be a registered parish member for six months to set a date. Allow 6 months preparation time.

**Confessions:** Monday thru Saturday 11:30 am until 11:55 am

**Holy Day Mass:** Noon on the Holy day

### St. Joseph Staff

Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., Pastor  
Rev. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S. Assoc Pastor  
Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager  
Bill Baron, Maintenance

### Finance Council

Jim Bolton  
Harry Bossey  
Lou Homan  
Jonathan Spowart

### Parish Council

Beth Anderson      John Ludwig  
Steve Byington      Cindy Luzar  
Rick Carlile      Janet Smith  
Gary Gregory      Amy Spowart  
Michael Landry

# *St. Joseph Update*

## *Christmas Decorations*

We'll be taking down the Christmas decoration on January 13th following the noon Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.

## *Thank You!*

A big Thank You to everyone who offered prayers, cards, goodies and gifts to us during this Christmas season and to all who enhanced our Christmas liturgies by decorating, offering musical talents or assisting with the liturgical ministries. We are grateful for your kindness and for the on-going support you give to us and the parish. May God bless you abundantly in His love!

Fr. Angelo & Fr. Ken

## *Presale of SVdP Fish Dinner Tickets*

Our St. Vincent de Paul Fish Dinner Fundraiser is coming up January 31st. We will be pre-selling tickets at coffee and donuts after Mass on Sunday, January 12. The cost of presale tickets is \$12.00. Tickets can be purchased at any time by contacting Gail Miller at 361-9576.

## *Desserts Needed for SVdP Fish Dinner Fundraiser*

Our Fish Dinner Fundraiser is just a few weeks away. We are in need of desserts for this dinner (pies, cakes, brownies, etc.). If you can help out and bake a dessert, please contact Gail Miller at 361-9576. We hope many of you will plan to join us for some fun and help make this fundraiser for Emmanuel SVdP a success.

### **Financial Information**

Collection for Dec 25th \$7172.50  
Dec 29th \$6818.00  
Charity \$202.00

**Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken**

## *A Blessing of the Home*

A practice you can continue or begin in your home is to bless your home in the New Year. This is often done on the Feast of the Epiphany on the 12th day of Christmas, Jan. 6th. In the United States, the Church will celebrate the feast on Sunday, Jan. 5th.

Make the Sign of the Cross.

Someone says: "Peace be to this house and: to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

Respond: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things come to be through him, and without him nothing came to be..... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3.14)

Respond: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proceed throughout your home blessing rooms by sprinkling Holy Water in each room and asking God to bless the family life that happens there.

## *Prayer List*

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.  
Please call the rectory if you would like someone added to the prayer list.*

*Debbie Barker*

*Patricia Bornhorst*

*Fran Dabrowski*

*Nancy Dolan*

*Mary Fiste*

*Joseph S. Franchina*

*Gail Gaeth*

*Clara Garza*

*Richard Gill*

*Dorothy Grant*

*Bennett Hart*

*Marie Henry*

*Shirley Keaton*

*Brittany Keirns*

*Randy Kramer*

*Jane Lewis*

*Chris Luehrs*

*Lindsey Luehrs*

*Helen Moore*

*Joe Moretto*

*Robert Morris*

*Dick Nardini*

*Clara Osman*

*Anna Pole*

*Thomas Pluckett*

*Isaiah Ramsey*

*Ed Sullivan*

*Betty Wenzel*

# Pastor's Corner

## Solemnity of the Epiphany

Star-light, star-bright the first star I see tonight, I wish I may-- I wish I might-- I wish upon this star tonight. Do you remember every trying to tap into the wonder and mystery of a wish made upon a star? That mysterious light so far way--lifts us beyond the restrictions and limits of this world to contemplate with wonder and awe God's creative plan for our world and for all eternity. Stars have a way of reassuring us that in the midst of darkness and the challenges of life the hand of God is with us holding all things together.

In the ancient world, a new star in the sky was a sign that an important person, a king had been born. It was no wonder that Herod and all of Jerusalem were upset when the Magi, traditionally known as the three Wise Men, came looking for a new born king. They were foreigners, strangers searching for a new King outside of Jerusalem. This was a threat to Herod who represented the old order that fought to stay in power.

The searching journey of the Magi speaks of the desire in our hearts for something more in life... the yearning we have for new ways of seeing, for a greater sense of hope, and for a wisdom that leads to deep peace. The gift the Magi bring to us is their courage and commitment to step out in faith, being attentive to creation and the wisdom of the ages. They listened deeply with the head and heart probing the curious ways of God's providence.

In their quest it is clear that they expected to find a king! Why else would they have brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? They trusted their intuition and the signs that God had given to them and they were blessed to pay homage to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The chief priests and scribes should have known the signs from their study of scripture and history, but they sat in darkness--symbols of the old order that felt they knew God. Ask yourself, when you come to Mass do you expect to find Jesus, the King?

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us that there is so much more to life than what meets the eye. When I look back over my life, I never cease to be amazed by the many people, experiences and guiding lights that God has put into my life—just at the right place and at the right time. We never know what surprises God intends for us. Even in darkness he provides a guiding light. That is why we must nurture the seeking heart of the Magi.

For the Magi, it was not just any baby they found—it was the Son of God. When we gather for Mass it is important to remember that this is not just a nice communal gathering of like-minded people sharing stories and eating wafers...No, what we encounter here is the real presence of God! Ask yourself: "Do I bow in homage before the one who has won for us the price of our salvation?"

If we truly believe this then, like the Magi, how can we go home the same way we came?" We can't help but be changed. Maybe this means confronting the way I treat others. Maybe this means working toward a better balance in my life. Maybe this means less worry and more trust. Jesus is born for us "to be hope for our hearts, to be peace for our souls, to be love that renews, to be light for our eyes." O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Fr. Angelo



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## **SAVE THE DATE -**

### ***exercise program starting in 2014!***

The Health Ministries Commission will be sponsoring a 6 week Tai Chi class starting Mon., Feb. 10, 2014 from 6:30-7:30 pm. in Trinity Center. Tai Chi is an ancient form of Chinese exercise and has a variety of health benefits for its practitioners including improving balance and joint health as well as cardiovascular fitness. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details or contact Sharon Becker at 227-9452, or by email to [sharonbecker6@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbecker6@gmail.com) for more information.

### ***Are you or anyone in YOUR family DIVORCED?***

There's NO SUCH THING AS CATHOLIC DIVORCE . . . but Catholics DO civilly divorce. Please give someone a copy of this bulletin or invite them to The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group which begins Jan. 14, 2014 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the former Emmanuel Elementary School in Downtown Dayton at 153 Franklin Street. Cost of (\$20) per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Sorry, no child care available. To register go to: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37> Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office 937-222-0227, or go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/event/catholic-divorce-survival-guide/>

### ***Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military***

Gary Eilers	Cody Landers
Greg Marcus	Alex McGarvey
David Musgrove	Jessica Pruitt

## ***SVdP Food Drive***

Thank you so much for your overwhelming response to our request for donations to our regional SVdP food pantry during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Due in part to the generous response from St. Joe's parishioners, we were able to serve 43 families (81 people) at Thanksgiving and 41 families (90 people) at Christmas. Please know that the visitors to our food pantry are very grateful for the assistance they receive during these particularly difficult times. Because the demand for our pantry continues to grow, the food collection box will remain in the vestibule of the church for donations at any time.

## ***International Nativities Display***

The University of Dayton's annual, and all new, display of international Nativities continues through Sunday, January 26th. You are invited to UD's Roesch Library to visit the myriad of global and loving beasts - the faithful companions of the Christ Child - as depicted from many unique cultural viewpoints in the feature exhibit "And Animals Were There." Then journey on to three more exhibits on the 2nd and 7th floors. For complete information including detailed directions and parking information: [www.udayton.edu/libraries/manger](http://www.udayton.edu/libraries/manger)



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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: St. André Bessette  
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort