

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

January 12, 2014 - The Baptism 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

Monday, Jan 13,	12:00 Noon	Larry & Mary Lou McGraw
Tuesday, Jan 14,	12:00 Noon	Ruth & Robert Deschler
Wednesday, Jan 15,	12:00 Noon	Deceased members of William J. McCarthy Family
Thursday, Jan 16,	12:00 Noon	Patrick Somers
Friday, Jan 17,	12:00 Noon	Lyndon & Mary Francis
Saturday, Jan 18,	12:00 Noon	Paula Deschler
	4:30 p.m.	Living & deceased members of Moretto Family
Sunday, Jan 19,	10:00 a.m.	Poor Souls

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

New Marriage Program

Join us on Sunday, January 12th at 7:00pm as we introduce a new and exciting Catholic marriage enrichment curriculum called "Discovering Our Deepest Desire" (DODD), that we plan to offer couples to help strengthen and enrich their marriages. Information about this concept and curriculum, how to get started and how to build a marriage supportive parish will be presented by the author, Greg Schutte, Director of Marriage Works! Ohio. For more information about this program, please go to www.ourdeepestdesire.com.

Christmas Decorations

It seems like we just put the Christmas decorations up and it's already time to take them down. We'll take the decorations down on Monday, January 13th following the noon Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers And Desserts Needed For SVdP Fish Dinner Fundraiser:

Our fundraiser is just a few weeks away, Friday, Jan. 31st from 6:00-11:00pm at the K of C Hall on Bainbridge (across from Holy Trinity Church). This event is for those 21 years and older. We are in need of volunteers and desserts for this dinner. All proceeds benefit Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference and we need your participation to make this fundraiser a success. If you can help, please contact Gail Miller at 361-9576, or John & Holly Stiers at 898-1183.



Coffee & Donuts
Join us following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship.
All are welcome.

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/>

Financial Information

Collection for January 5th \$7880.50
Charity \$590.00

Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

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	Jane Lewis
Patricia Bornhorst	Chris Luehrs
Fran Dabrowski	Lindsey Luehrs
Nancy Dolan	Milo Nickles
Mary Fiste	Helen Moore
Joseph S. Franchina	Joe Moretto
Gail Gaeth	Robert Morris
Clara Garza	Dick Nardini
Richard Gill	Clara Osman
Dorothy Grant	Anna Pole
Bennett Hart	Thomas Pluckett
Marie Henry	Isaiah Ramsey
Shirley Keaton	Ed Sullivan
Brittany Keirns	Betty Wenzel
Randy Kramer	

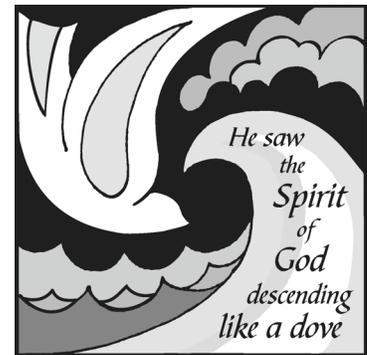
Pastor's Corner

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the church comes to the close of the Christmas season. It's always a little sad for me to take down the Christmas decorations, to pack away the ornaments on the tree, the cookies are eaten, the lights stored away, the wrapping and boxes recycled...it seems a little dull to return our surroundings to ordinary time. Yet, today's feast invites us to ponder a little longer upon the mystery of who Jesus is and what the great gift of his birth means for all who believe.

The readings and reflections surrounding Christmas Day focus on a variety of messengers who announced the savior's birth. The angels announced the birth to the shepherd, the star in the sky announced the birth to the magi and they in turn announced the birth of the messiah to anyone who would listen. Today, we fast forward through the silent years of Jesus' life to reflect upon the baptism of the Lord. We hear straight from the mouth of God the Truth that Jesus is the beloved Son of God! With these words the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and we are given a clear revelation of the gift of the Holy Trinity, the communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The words spoken by God the Father, *"This is my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased,"* are also the words that we are privileged to hear at the time of our baptism when we became children of God. Ask yourself: Can you see yourself as a beloved son of God? Can you see yourself as a beloved daughter of God? This truth may cause us to blush with shame a bit because we know our shortcoming and failings. And yet, our failings do not destroy the original dignity we are given in baptism as a son or daughter of God.



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Fr. Henri Nouwen once noted, "The voice from heaven saying 'You are my beloved, with you I am well pleased' is what God says to each human being. We have an identity and a birthright given to us by the One who created and loves us." This blessing and essential birthright is hard to hear above all the other voices of our lives, the voices that shout, *"you are no good, you are worthless, you are ugly, nobody cares about you."* All of these words are lies. Our identity is found in Christ as children of God. Through the gift of baptism we are given the gift of new life, a life that is rooted in God's covenant of love; a life that is eternal.

So often the biggest problems that we have in life are because we do not claim or accept who we are as children of God. We live in the shadows of doubt trying to fill the hole in the soul with stuff or with behavior or other people's opinions that we think will give meaning to our life.

Finding and claiming our identity as sons and daughters of God in the waters of baptism enables us to cut through all the confusing and competing voices that come at us in life. This awareness of the life we share in Christ touches every aspect of our life. To live my baptism is to live in the awareness of being a child of God. To live my baptism is to live the call to holiness. To live my baptism is to put into practice the relationship of love that is found in the communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This year the only New Year's resolution that we need to make is to embrace this truth: "I am a child of God."

Fr. Angelo

***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 for more information.

***LEARN ABOUT RELIGIOUS
LIFE*** - On January 14 there will be the opportunity

for high school and young single women to meet Sisters from both monastic and apostolic religious communities, pray together and share a meal, spend time with other young women exploring a call to religious life and to hear from Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. This event will take place at Ascension Parish Dayton from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. To register, please call Mary Yarger, CPPS at 937.999.8456 or email vocations@cppsadmin.org.

Year End Statements

If you requested a year end statement last year you will receive one in the mail this year. If you would like a year end statement and you don't receive one in the mail this week please call Rita in the office at 228-9272 and she'll send you one.

PEACE

*We should have great peace if we
did not busy ourselves with what
others say or do.*

-Thomas à Kempis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps44:10-11,14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2,4,7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

***Confidence, Courage, and
Commitment:***

The Lay Vocation in the Secular World Bishop Joseph Binzer will be speaking, hearing confessions, and celebrating Mass at this fabulous retreat to help us understand more fully the vocation of the lay person in the Catholic Church on Friday, Feb. 7th from 7 – 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. This amazing retreat will be held at the very beautiful, newly-constructed St. Francis de Sales Church in historic Lebanon, conveniently located about halfway between Cincinnati and Dayton – a perfect location to welcome so many in the entire archdiocese! For driving directions see: stfrancisdesales-lebanon.org. Cost: A Free-will offering, so everyone can afford to come! Lunch will be provided to all who preregister.

To see the detailed schedule or to register visit: www.PresentationMinistries.com or call (937) 587-5464 or (513) 373-2397. Presentation Ministries is an official lay association under the Archbishop of Cincinnati.

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

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

"Living Lives of Holiness," a Day of Reflection, will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein. Presented by Denise Warnecke, director of the Northern Area Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, the day will include prayer, reflection, and scripture from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Call 419-925-4532 to register.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins