

St. Joseph Church

January 27, 2013 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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 28,	12:00 Noon	Mike Longo
Tuesday, Jan 29,	12:00 Noon	Jerry George
Wednesday, Jan 30,	12:00 Noon	Dan Dalton
Thursday, Jan 31,	12:00 Noon	Bud O'Meara
Friday, Feb 1,	12:00 Noon	Larry Beatty
Saturday, Feb 2,	12:00 Noon	Lawrence Buedel
	4:30 pm	Joseph Wegerzyn
Sunday, Feb 3,	10:00 am	St. Joseph Parishioners

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
Lou Homan
Jonathan Spowart

Parish Council

Harry Bossey Michael Landry
Rick Carlile John Ludwig
Mary Doerr Amy Spowart
Gary Gregory Libbie Worley

St. Joseph Update

Lector/Server/Eucharist Minister

We are in need of Lectors/Servers/Eucharist Ministers at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday. This is a wonderful ministry. Training is provided.

Please call the rectory if you can help.

Thank You!

Financial Information

Collection for Jan 20th \$5111.00

Charity Collection \$193.00

Thank You Frs. Angelo and Ken

Offertory

We are in need of parishioners to bring up the offertory at Mass on the weekend. If you would be willing to help please see the ushers in the back of church before Mass. This is a great ministry that is very easy to participate in. Try It!

First Communion

We will have a special Mass for children who have received their First Holy Communion this year. Please call the office if your child will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year and you would like to be a part of this Mass.

2013 Wedding Anniversaries

If you will be celebrating your 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversary in 2013, please call the parish office by February 18, 2013. Please give us the following information: wedding date, both spouses' full names (including maiden name), and the number of years married.

Attention All High School Youth! Fire up your faith!

Let Christ make all things new! Mark your calendar and plan to participate in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati High School Youth Rally on March 9, 2013 at Bishop Fenwick High School. Further details will be announced in upcoming bulletins.

Call to Action for Life and Religious Liberty

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will participate in Project Life and Liberty Postcard Campaign, February 9/10. A postcard strip with three postcards and a Response Card will be made available to all parishioners to send to your U.S.

Representative and to your state's two U.S. Senators. The Response Card asks for a person's name, e-mail address, state and diocese, and is to be returned to the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment. Please watch for details concerning this project.

The wording of the postcard: "The new Congress should come together to respect life and religious freedom. Please support and strengthen laws that (1) prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion, and (2) protect rights of conscience in health care. Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs or respect for life when they provide health care or sponsor or purchase health coverage. As your constituent, I would appreciate a written response telling me how you will vote on these matters."

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers. If you are seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like your name added to the pray list please call the rectory.

Jim Allen	Dorothy Grant
Peg Anderson	Laura Grump
Patricia Bornhorst	Norma Hickey
Tom Bova	Carolyn Hogan
Greg Bower	Randy Kramer
Robert Caulfield	Cathy Kreitzer
Tim Chapman	Jane Lewis
Betty Criner	Chris Luehrs
Fran Dabrowski	Helen Moore
Brian Deckard	Joe Moretto
Nancy Dolan	Barbara Pacey
Willie Dunson	Isaiah Ramsey
Mary Fiste	Pat Somers
Joseph S. Franchina	Henry Sorokin
Robert Garrity	Mary Helen Wedig
Clara Garza	Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

Our readings today invite us to reflect upon the importance of the *word*. The prophet Ezra reads from the scroll and interprets it's meaning, offering a word of hope. Jesus is given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and reads to the people saying "today this word is fulfilled in your hearing." The church teaches that sacred scripture is the living Word of God. It is not merely words on a page, but scripture is alive in us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

One of the challenges of our contemporary society is the reality that we are bombarded with so many words. Technology makes it possible to share the word in ways our ancestors never dreamed. And yet, can we say that our ability to communicate is any deeper or richer? In some ways words have lost the power of their meaning. For example, through the use of Facebook someone may say they have 1,897 friends. In reality, many of these people are more strangers than friends. In this setting the word friend loses the depth of its meaning and value.

On the other hand, St. Paul uses words to describe a deeper meaning. Several times in his writings Paul draws upon the word *body* to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of the Body of Christ. Paul doesn't want people acting like part of the Body of Christ. He makes the strong statement: "You are the body of Christ." The physical presence of God once walked the earth. But, Jesus' physical presence was a one-time occurrence and will not be repeated in the same way. What we experience today is the sacramental presence of Christ, a presence that will continue until the end of time. Through the sacramental presence of Christ we become the Body of Christ. When we eat His Body and drink His Blood we are being transformed into the Body of Christ. We are to be the feet of Christ walking into the rooms of the sick and lonely. We are to be the hands of Christ lifting up the weak and helpless. We are to be the ears of Christ listening to the troubled and the lost. We are to be the mouth of Christ speaking the Gospel message to others. We are to be the eyes of Christ looking at others with love.

Just as the body has many members so too the Body of Christ has many members. Each of us brings a unique and valuable gift to the whole. We are interdependent. Without our involvement in the life of the church the Body of Christ suffers. This week, reflect upon how you can bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind and allow the oppressed to go free. The mission and ministry of Jesus must continue through each of us doing our part to make the Body of Christ strong and vibrant today.

Fr. Angelo

Charitable Gift Opportunity

Normally, a distribution from your Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) is taxed as ordinary income.

However, recently enacted "fiscal cliff" tax legislation extends the opportunity throughout 2013 for individuals 70 ½ or older to make a direct distribution from an IRA to a qualified charity, such as our parish, the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or another ministry of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The new law also provides that you may consider such distributions made in January 2013 as made in 2012. In addition, the new law provides a special election available to individuals who took a distribution from their IRA after November 30, 2012 and before January 1, 2013, and who make a gift to a qualified charity before February 1, 2013, to treat the gift as an IRA charitable transfer even though the distribution is not directly from the IRA to the charity. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from the IRA charitable transfer, contact Michael Vanderburgh, Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, at 513-257-6266 or email him at Michael@CatholicAppeal.info.

SVdP Food Pantry Update

Thank You So Much to everyone who supported the St. Vincent de Paul food drive over the holidays! It was a wonderful collaborative effort between Emmanuel and St. Joe's which produced great results. Thanks to your generosity, 40 families (122 men, women and children) enjoyed a good Thanksgiving dinner in their homes, and during Christmas, the food pantry served 52 families (a total of 138 people).

If you are aware of a parishioner or anyone living in the 45402 zip code who is in need, please refer them to our region's SVdP phone line at 228-3771. Also, if you are interested in getting involved with SVdP or St. Joe's Works of Mercy Committee, please call Bill (672-8442) or Mary (222-1783).

Meanwhile, collection for our regional SVdP food pantry at Emmanuel continues. Particular needs at this time include: laundry detergent, paper products, canned meats and fish, baking mix, soups, cooking oil, sugar, jelly, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, cereal and dish soap. Thank you!

Year End Statements

In an effort to save trees and reduce costs we will **only** send year end contribution letters to those who request one. If you are a registered member and would like a letter stating your contributions for the year please call the office 228-9272. Thank You!

Anointing of the Sick

If you are planning to have surgery and would like to be anointed before hand please stop by the sacristy before Mass.

Have you registered! If you attend St. Joe's but have never registered as a parishioner please consider doing so. Call the rectory 228-9272.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Gary Eilers Cody Landers Greg Marcus

Lenten Fitness Opportunity

When was the last time you took a nice walk, or spent time exercising?

We already know that both activities are good for health in body and mind-but what about the spirit?

Regular walkers frequently comment on the spiritual benefits of the exercise-whether from the time spent in nature or just time alone in conversation with God.

The Region 7 Health Ministry is inviting you to take a bit of time to experience a "walk in the spirit" by following the travels of St. Paul to Corinth as noted in the books of Corinthians. What this would entail is two things; participate in some form of exercise on a routine basis-walking, biking, treadmill, workouts in a gym; then submit the exercise and length of time (or miles) at church every week and we will calculate the miles. The Region 7 Health Ministry will be using the church bulletins to distribute selected readings from Corinthians to focus on while you are exercising. This Lenten exercise is a way to participate in a different way, in addition to other Lenten sacrifices, and do something good for your physical and spiritual health. During the walks (or exercise), participants are encouraged to pray for others in the world: from our own parishes, our neighborhoods, and our nation, as St. Paul would have done. The program will begin the weekend of February 9/10 and end on Pentecost May 18/19. The miles from the three Region 7 churches will be calculated together and published as collective miles in the bulletins. A labeled box will be in the back of church with paper and pencils to collect your exercise times. Questions call Beth Anderson at 937-848-8308 or erson4@woh.rr.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday: St. John Bosco
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles;
 First Saturday;