

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

March 23, 2014 - Third Sunday of Lent
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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, Mar 24,	12:00 Noon	Julia Beres
Tuesday, Mar 25,	12:00 Noon	John Keaton Jr.
Wednesday, Mar 26,	12:00 Noon	Michael Joseph
Thursday, Mar 27,	12:00 Noon	Timothy Lee
Friday, Mar 28,	12:00 Noon	Poor Souls
Saturday, Mar 29,	12:00 Noon	Priests, brothers and sisters
	4:30 p.m.	Bob Schlaerth
Sunday, Mar 30,	10:00 a.m.	Patrick Somers

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
Gary Gregory Janet Smith
Michael Landry Amy Spowart

St. Joseph Update

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and painted the school cafeteria and thank you to the generous parishioners who provided the primer and paint. Wow...what a difference, everything is bright and clean. It looks great!
Our next step is to replace the ceiling tiles and then clean and wax the floor.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Make plans to spend time with the Lord this Lent. St. Joe's will have Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Lent following the noon Mass until 4:00 p.m. There will be group prayer as well as time for private meditation. Please sign-up for a specific hour using the sheets in the back of church, or drop in whenever you can for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Call Bobby at 435-4858 if you have questions. There will **NOT** be adoration on March 29th due to a wedding.

Furthering our Faith through Film

Please join us Friday, March 28, as we resume our film series with *Restless Heart: The Confessions of St. Augustine*. This moving story of conversion and reconciliation is a little over two hours in length. We will gather in the school cafeteria at 1:00pm and a light lunch will be served. Please call Bobby at 435-4858 if you have any questions.
We hope to see you there!

Maintenance position available at Holy Trinity Parish

Part time, morning hours, 19 hrs per week.
Call 228-1223 to schedule appointment and fill out an application.

St. Albert the Great Church Lenten Speaker

Fr. Earl Fernandes, Dean of the Athenaeum, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary will speak on "A modern look at marriage from St. Albert the Great" on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00.



Announcing: **Generations of Faith**

When: **Friday, April 4, 2014**

Where: **Knight of Columbus Hall**
(Located on Bainbridge Street)

Time: **6:00-8:00 PM**

The parishioners of Region 7 (Holy Trinity, St. Joseph and Emmanuel) are invited to an evening meal and reflection celebrating our faith and strengthening one another in our call to share the Light of Christ with others. The reflection will be given by Mr. Frank Runyon on the topic of the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount.
Please watch the bulletin for details or call the rectory at 228-9272.

Financial Information

Collection for March 16th \$5721.50

Charity \$223.00 **Thank You!**

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

Greg Bowers

Susan Busch

Pamela Cabrera

Fran & Al Dabrowski

Nancy Dolan

Rachel Dudley

Earl Evans Jr

Mary Fiste

Joseph Franchina

Darrel Francis

Gail Gaeth

Clara Garza

Richard Gill

Dorothy Grant

Bennett Hart

Marie Henry

Brittany Keirns

Robert Garrity

Randy Kramer

Chris Luehrs

Lindsey Luehrs

Milo Nickles

Helen Moore

Joe Moretto

Robert Morris

Clara Osman

Anna Pole

Stephanie Potter

Thomas Pluckett

Isaiah Ramsey

Tony Riggs

Ed Sullivan

Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

Our Gospel reading today invites us into a conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. We should be all ears at the site of Jesus, a man, talking to a woman, a Samaritan, in the middle of the day in a public setting. In the time of Jesus women were to be seen, not heard and there was a terrible feud between the Jews and the Samaritans.

Jesus uses the image of water to symbolize his relationship with us. Through the use of modern technology scientist tell us that our bodies are made up of approximately 60% water. Therefore, we see that we cannot live without water. It is an essential part of our daily living. So too, when we try to live without Jesus our lives are dried-up, parched and lifeless.

Reflecting on the action of the Samaritan woman who came to the well at noon to avoid the crowd we too know our sinfulness and at times would rather be left alone. Notice, that when Jesus sat down next to the well he didn't just listen to the words of the woman, he listened to what she was not saying, inviting her to go more deeply into the desert of her life and to embrace her thirst, her emptiness.

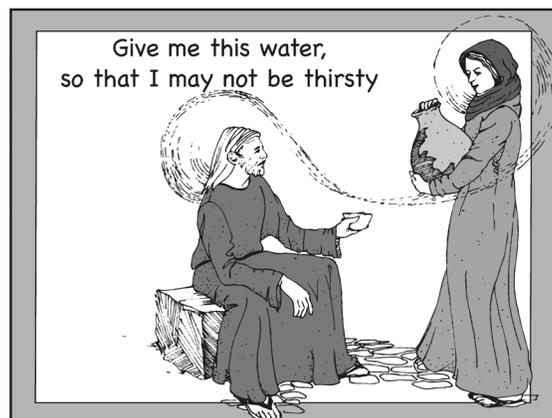
Today, Jesus sits down with us and calls us to identify our thirst. Ask yourself, "What am I thirsty for in my life?" Has a relationship stopped growing and you feel all alone? Is your work stale and unexciting? Do you feel drained or empty inside? St. Paul reminds us to live in hope, that "through our trust in God we will not be disappointed because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." (Romans 5:5)

Like a slow falling rain that soaks deeply into the ground the words of Jesus gradually softens the hardened heart of the woman and transforms her life. Jesus seeks to do the same for us today. Listen to the rhythm of your life. What do you hear Jesus say to you today?

The season of Lent invites us to slow down and to take time to listen for the Lord. All too often we are preoccupied with what we don't have and so we grumble in the desert like the Israelites. Jesus says to us, "If only you knew the gift of God." God's gift comes to us in scripture, the sacraments, the beauty of nature, in supportive relationships and a host of other encounters in life.

God's gifts are with us in abundance. The gift of the Mass, our Eucharistic celebration, is like a well of deep, life-giving water. Here we pause to have a conversation with Jesus; to have the thirsts of our lives quenched by the one who says to us: "Whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again." Jesus says to us: "Stop chasing after things that fail to satisfy." Put your trust, your hope, your very life into the hands of the Lord and never be thirsty again.

This message is meant to be shared. The Samaritan woman became the first missionary in the Gospel of John. She comes to believe that Jesus is the Messiah and through her witness to the other villagers many more come to believe. Through baptism we are sent as missionaries to give witness to our belief in Jesus Christ. Who is thirsty around you? What will you give them to drink? Fr. Angelo



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Lenten Scripture Study Who Do You Say That I Am?

From Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.... I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them..."

There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter..."

Join us in an opportunity to meet Jesus anew in the unique images presented by each of the gospel writers.

Thursdays 10:30 to 11:45 School cafeteria
March 27 - Luke - The Universal Savior
April 3 - John - The Word Made Flesh

Congratulations to Fr. John on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination

Fr. John Mencsik will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination on March 30th. He will celebrate Mass on Sunday, March 30th at St. Patrick Church in Troy at 9:30 a.m. All our welcome to attend. If you would like to send Fr. John a card his address is:
395 Blairwood Drive
Trotwood, OH 45426

Parish Mission

The parishes of Old North Dayton will be hosting a parish mission beginning on Monday March 24th and concluding on Thursday March 27th. Each night of the mission will take place at 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary. There will be a simple dinner before each night of the mission in the basement of Rosary, beginning at 6 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14,8:10; Ps40:7-11; Heb10:4-10; Lk1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Joseph parish who has supported the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info.

Thank you!

St. Joseph Goal: \$14,581
Pledged: \$9305.67
Collected: \$8206.67
Participation: 14.6%
Number of gifts: 61

Walking with the Apostles

This year our route will take us to Rome as we walk with the apostles, specifically Saints Peter and Paul. As before, our walk will be a chance to combine healthy habits (walking and exercise) with prayer and meditation. Our reflection this week is from *John 4:13-14*
"For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life."

Remember to tally your physical activity by counting the miles walked, or 15 minutes of physical activity as one mile (or both)! Drop in your tally each week in the box in the back of church or email them to Beth at bandersonlnana.4@roadrunner.com.

The cluster has walked 209 miles.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence