

St. Joseph Church

August 17, 2014 - 20th 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, Aug 18,	12:00 Noon	Bona Kim
Tuesday, Aug 19,	12:00 Noon	Sr. Frances Flynn SC
Wednesday, Aug 20,	12:00 Noon	Special Intention
Thursday, Aug 21,	12:00 Noon	Our Lady of Knock
Friday, Aug 22,	12:00 Noon	Annabelle McCrink
Saturday, Aug 23,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners
	4:30 p.m.	Dan Dalton
Sunday, Aug 24,	10:00 a.m.	Gene Frierhood

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

St. Vincent De Paul Needs Help

The number of clients for our pantry has grown from 12 – 15 to 40 – 60 families each month. We are in great need of more hands to help. We need call takers, home visitors, and people to stock and distribute food at the pantry. Please consider donating some time and helping us to continue our mission to serve the needy in our area. If interested contact John Stiers at 474-3071.

Furthering our Faith through Film

Please join us on Friday, August 29 for our next film as we strive to learn more about our faith. We will meet in the school cafeteria at 1:00pm and a light lunch will be served. All are most welcome! If you have questions, please call Bobby at 435-4858.

Free Catholic information booth

at the Montgomery County Fair with free statues, pictures, Rosaries, etc., hosted by the Legion of Mary in the Commercial exhibits, the Coliseum building, from Aug 27th-Sept 1st. Please visit the booth for spiritual encouragement! For more information about the Legion of Mary, call Gloria Dodd at (937) 229-1431 or <http://legionofmary.org/>.

The Dayton Art Institute is featuring a special exhibition *Dayton Celebrates Glass: Chihuly, Littleton, Labino and Beyond.*

They have also put together a self-guided tour of beautiful glass in the Dayton area. The stain glass windows in St. Joseph's are part of the tour. Discount coupons are available in the back of church.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Parish Picnic! Save the Date!

This year we will have a combined Parish

Picnic with Emmanuel & Holy Trinity. Please mark your calendar for September 21st. Stay tuned...more information will be coming as the combined committee gets together to plan the picnic.



Financial Information

Collection for August 10th \$5633.00
Charity \$ 162.00

Thank You!

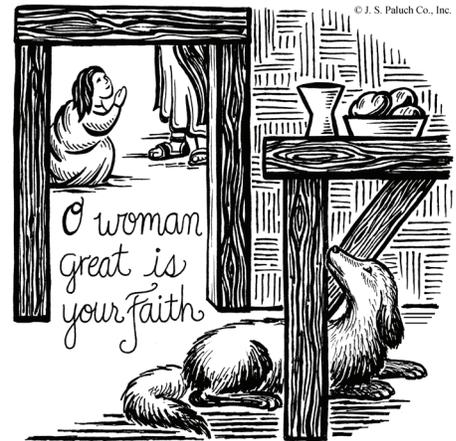
Prayer List

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

Patricia Bornhorst	Marie Henry
Greg Bowers	Brittany Keirns
Susan Busch	Randy Kramer
Pamela Cabrera	Bill Lauber
Fran & Al Dabrowski	Chris Luehrs
Joyce Craig	Lindsey Luehrs
Nancy Dolan	Milo Nickles
George Dopf	Joe Moretto
Rachel Dudley	Robert Morris
Earl Evans Jr	Clara Osman
Mary Fiste	Anna Pole
Joseph Franchina	Stephanie Potter
Darrel Francis	Isaiah Ramsey
Gail Gaeth	Tony Riggs
Richard Gill	Ed Sullivan
Dorothy Grant	Betty Wenzel
Jim Hanerty	
Bennett Hart	

Pastor's Corner

If we looked through the gospels we would only find two times when Jesus praised someone for having great faith. One was the Centurion soldier who came to Jesus asking that he heal his servant. Jesus started off for the Centurion's house but the Centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant will be healed." This act of great faith is something we remember at every Mass. The second instance of great faith that Jesus points to is today's gospel of the Canaanite woman who asks Jesus to heal her daughter. Note that both the Centurion and the Canaanite woman were Gentiles, pagans who none-the-less had great faith in Jesus; a faith that surpassed that of most of the Jewish people. God's love knows no boundaries.



In this passage, Matthew tells us that Jesus entered into pagan territory, the region of Tyre and Sidon (part of current southern Lebanon.) He crossed a boundary that was beyond the Jewish Promise Land and entered unfamiliar territory. The Canaanite woman also crossed a boundary by speaking to a man and a Jew in public, something that was not to be done in the time of Jesus. She was willing to take the risk because the heart of a mother is willing to do anything for her child.

The Precious Blood of Jesus speaks of God's unconditional love for all people, a language of love that invites others to risk moving beyond their places of safety and comfort for the sake of life. This is a message that we heard in today's gospel as the Canaanite woman calls out to Jesus and pleads with Jesus asking him to heal her daughter who is tormented by a demon. At first Jesus is silent in the face of her request, and the disciples tell Jesus to send her away, she's a nuisance. This scenario challenges us to ask, "Who are the Canaanites in my life...who are those that I ignore or quickly brush aside in life? Who do I include in my circle of friends and who is on the outside of that circle?"

St. Augustine once responded to the question of why God is sometimes silent in this way. He said that there are times that God remains silent so that we might persevere, so that our heart might expand enough to receive the gift that God wants to give. Sometimes we are not ready to receive the answer and so we must work to expand our heart to be ready to receive God's gift.

When I think of one who crossed barriers for the sake of the poor and outcast I think of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. She heard the call to cross over boundaries of race, ethnicity and religion. It is said that she never tried to actively convert a person who was Hindu or Muslim to become Catholic. This may surprise us and yet her belief was that our role is not to tell others about Jesus, our role is to BE Jesus. If we can focus on BEING Jesus, then God will take care of the rest.

Ask yourself, can I venture beyond my safe boundaries to respond to the cry of another person? Am I open to the voices who call out to me for help? Just as God responds to our prayers we are to respond to the needs of others. In today's gospel we see that the woman persists in her request for healing. Even when she is ignored by Jesus and declared a nuisance by the disciples, she is unflinching in her request. The example of the Canaanite woman also reminds us of the importance of perseverance in life. As someone once said, "faith, by nature, is persistent. Persistence, by nature, is single-minded. Single-mindedness, by nature, achieves the end it seeks". Fr. Angelo

As we pray for the many needs of our world you are invited to add these intentions to your daily prayers:

- ◆ For those who are suffering persecution, starvation and death in Iraq as a result of their Christian faith, may they be strengthened by their faith in Jesus Christ, who promised the kingdom of heaven to those who are persecuted in his name.
- ◆ For the leaders of Palestine and Israel, may they be blessed and strengthened as they work toward a peaceful resolution to the conflict in war-torn Gaza.
- ◆ For those dying from the spread of the Ebola virus throughout Africa and for missionaries and healthcare workers who are working diligently to alleviate the pain and suffering of those infected, may they be strengthened by the knowledge of the Lord's presence with them and with those they serve.

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood

Experience God's abundant love and mercy in the beautiful, peaceful surroundings at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood at the annual Day of Prayer and Mercy, from 7:30 a.m. to midnight, Sunday, Aug. 31. The event will include Eucharistic Adoration, the rosary, Divine Mercy, confession, the Blue Army Apostolate, and speakers on Our Lady. Mass will be offered at 7 p.m., with rosary and closing at midnight. There will be time for private prayer or meditation in the lovely outdoor courtyard for our family, friends, country, world leaders and self. For more information about this family-friendly event, call 513-531-6279 or go to www.ourladyoflight.org.

Do you or someone you know want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

An opportunity to find out about our RCIA program is coming to our parish. If you have questions about joining the Catholic Church or what the Church teaches, this is the place for you. These brief meetings will be informal gatherings where you share your questions, concerns and experience with a Catechist from the RCIA program. This is simply a place to inquire – not to join anything. If you know someone who might be interested please pass along this invitation or call Jan at 228-1223 so that she can offer a personal invitation. If neither of the dates below are convenient, a private meeting can be arranged by calling Jan at 228-1223.

Come and See...

Sunday, September 7 – 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity rectory (following both Masses)

Monday, September 8 – 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity rectory (272 Bainbridge Street)

Have you registered?

If you attend Mass at St. Joe's but have never registered as a member of the parish, please consider doing so. It's easy...just call the rectory at 228-9272.

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.

—St. Anthony

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. John Eudes
 Wednesday: St. Bernard
 Thursday: St. Pius X
 Friday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday: St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary