

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

August 25, 2013 - Twenty-First 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 26,	12:00 Noon	Vera Stroop
Tuesday, Aug 27,	12:00 Noon	Jerry Westendorf
Wednesday, Aug 28,	12:00 Noon	Angelo Lauricella
Thursday, Aug 29,	12:00 Noon	Robert O'Rourke
Friday, Aug 30,	12:00 Noon	Mary Ann Anderson
Saturday, Aug 31,	12:00 Noon	Dennis Hogan
	4:30 p.m.	Matthew & Angela McCarthy
Sunday, Sept 1,	10:00 a.m.	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      John Ludwig  
Rick Carlile      Cindy Luzar  
Mary Doerr      Amy Spowart  
Gary Gregory      Libbie Worley  
Michael Landry

# *St. Joseph Update*

## *Thank You! Thank You!*

We are very grateful for the generosity of Lowell & Theresa George who left an unrestricted donation of \$10,000 to St. Joseph Parish as part of their estate. This is in memory of Theresa's parents Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Teyber.

## *Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Servers*

We need a few more people to help as Eucharist ministers, lectors and servers at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday. Training is provided. If you'd like to help please call the rectory at 228-9272.

## *Parish Ministry Fair*

Our Parish Ministry Fair will be the weekend of October 13th. Last year over 30 people volunteered to minister to the parish in some way. These volunteers have been much needed and appreciated during this past year. There are many ways you can volunteer, from helping on a community, serving on the altar, taking communion to the homebound or praying for those in need. Watch the bulletin for more details or call Rita to learn more 228-9272.

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

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

***Elizabeth's New Life Center***, a faith-based, pro-life ministry organization, needs adult volunteers at several of our Women's Centers. Hours and days can be flexible, and duties can range from administrative to mentoring opportunities. If you are interested in helping with the "mission for LIFE" please contact Hida at: 937-226-7414 or [rwingate@elizabethnewlife.org](mailto:rwingate@elizabethnewlife.org).

## *Natural Family Planning*

NFP uses all the woman's fertility signs in a safe, healthy, and highly effective method in accord with Catholic teaching. Classes begin Saturday, September 7 at 12:00 noon at Emmanuel Church. Call 435-4750 for additional information or register at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

## *The Gift of the Priesthood*

We are excited to announce the launch of our archdiocesan vocation video, "***The Gift of the Priesthood.***"

This video was produced by US Digital Partners and features Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West along with the priests who are teaching and forming our seminarians. Please take a couple minutes to view the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCWFKe5w-WA>.

## **Financial Information**

Collection for August 18th \$7649.00  
Charity \$137.00

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

## *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.*

<i>Jim Allen</i>	<i>M.T. Joseph</i>
<i>Patricia Bornhorst</i>	<i>Shirley Keaton</i>
<i>Greg Bower</i>	<i>Randy Kramer</i>
<i>Robert Caulfield</i>	<i>Cathy Kreitzer</i>
<i>Tim Chapman</i>	<i>Jane Lewis</i>
<i>Tom Chapman</i>	<i>Linda Lipinski</i>
<i>Fran Dabrowski</i>	<i>Chris Luehrs</i>
<i>Brian Deckard</i>	<i>Lyndsey Luehrs</i>
<i>Jacqueline Deckard</i>	<i>Helen Moore</i>
<i>Nancy Dolan</i>	<i>Joe Moretto</i>
<i>Willie Dunson</i>	<i>Barbara Pacey</i>
<i>Mary Fiste</i>	<i>Isaiah Ramsey</i>
<i>Sally Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Melissa Smith</i>
<i>Joseph S. Franchina</i>	<i>Pat Somers</i>
<i>Robert Garrity</i>	<i>Henry Sorokin</i>
<i>Clara Garza</i>	<i>Ed Sullivan</i>
<i>Jackie George</i>	<i>Bob Turk</i>
<i>Dorothy Grant</i>	<i>Mary Helen Wedig</i>
<i>Norma Hickey</i>	<i>Betty Wenzel</i>

## Pastor's Corner

Many times in the Gospels we see Jesus fielding questions from the crowd. Sometimes he responds with very precise answers, like when Peter asks, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother? Seven times?" Jesus says "Not seven times; I say, seventy times seven times."

On other occasions Jesus could be a bit more elusive as he heard in today's Gospel reading. The question was asked, "Lord are they few in number to be saved?" This is a reasonable question to ask, like someone checking the odds before making a decision. "Will it be a few...quite a few...a whole lot...everyone?"

Think for a moment. If Jesus had said only a few would be saved we probably would not be here today. Chances are we would have given up a long time ago thinking "It can't be me with all my sinful faults." "There are plenty of others in history who are more faithful than I have been." On the other hand, if He had said the number to be saved is everybody, why would we even bother to keep the commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor? After all, if everyone is going to be saved then we've got it made!

With His response Jesus creates a little healthy tension to the question, "Lord, are they few in number to be saved?" Jesus responds by saying "try to come in through the narrow gate." In doing so he is putting the responsibility back on the individual, on each of us. The gate is narrow not to exclude people; the gate is narrow because you don't need a lot of stuff to enter the Kingdom of God.

Jesus is asking us to stop and think about how we are living our life. Do I spend a lot of time and energy building up my possessions? In reality, none of them will fit through the narrow gate. Do I carry a grudge or hold resentment over a past hurt? Holding another person in un-forgiveness will keep me from passing through the narrow gate because I'm not following the instructions of the Our Father prayer to forgive those who trespass against us. Is my schedule so full that I don't have time to pray so in the end I won't even be able to find the narrow gate? Could the reality of aging and the loss of independence and freedom lead me to doubt and fear that maybe there isn't even a gate to pass through?

The key to the narrow gate is found in the life of Jesus. Jesus reached out in love to the poor, the forgotten and to the sinner. When we are able to reach out in love to someone else we are letting go of self and can easily pass through the narrow gate. It is not that God makes the gate narrow. We make the gate narrow! Jesus knew human nature enough to see this problem.

Salvation is a gift that God wants to share with us. We can choose to receive this gift by walking in the way of salvation or we can reject the gift by what we say or do or by what fail to do. The choice to receive the gift of salvation is up to us.

Fr. Angelo



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17;  
Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Tuesday: St. Monica  
Wednesday: St. Augustine  
Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Parish Picnic - September 14th  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Delco Park shelter #3 off Dorothy Lane in Kettering

**Our parish picnic is quickly approaching.  
Plan to attend and spend some time  
catching up with old friends and  
making new friends.**

**Meat provided by the Parish  
Bring a Covered Dish to Share and  
your own Drinks**



**All Region 7 Parishioners are  
Welcome**

Activities for the children  
Pond for fishing  
Corn hole  
Bingo

**St. Joseph Church Parish Picnic**

Please complete and put in the collection next week.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know what kind of covered dish you'll be bringing: \_\_\_\_\_