

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

September 22, 2013 - Twenty-Fifth 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, Sept 23,	12:00 Noon	Michael Kics
Tuesday, Sept 24,	12:00 Noon	Fr. John Fletcher
Wednesday, Sept 25,	12:00 Noon	Peg Anderson
Thursday, Sept 26,	12:00 Noon	Angelo Lauricella
Friday, Sept 27,	12:00 Noon	Juliet Concepcion
Saturday, Sept 28,	12:00 Noon	Dennis Hogan
	4:30 p.m.	Scott Wayne
Sunday, Sept 29,	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*

## *Parish Ministry Fair*

Our Parish Ministry Fair will be the weekend of October 12th and 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.

## *Prolife and Vocation Committees*

We need a couple people to spearhead the Prolife and Vocation Committees. If you are a strong advocate for the sanctity of human life this is a great way to put your faith into action. The focus of the Prolife Committee is to keep the parish informed of prolife issues and events

Are you a strong believer in the need for vocations in the church? What are some ways we can promote vocations at St. Joseph? The focus of the Vocation Committee is to keep our parish aware of and doing all we can to promote vocations.

Please call the rectory at 228-9272 or talk to Fr. Angelo or Fr. Ken if you would be willing to help with the Prolife or Vocation committees.

The parish needs your help!

## *Family Rosary Rally*

Sunday, Oct. 13th at UD Arena  
Prelude music at 2:30.

Exposition, Live Rosary, Benediction, 3-4:00 pm  
[www.familyrosaryrally.com](http://www.familyrosaryrally.com)

## *RCIA Classes*

Do you or someone you know want to investigate full membership in the Catholic Church? Classes begin soon. Please call the office 228-9272. No pressure, no commitments necessary... Just join us to inquire about the faith in a fun, educational atmosphere where doctrine and practice can be clarified by a trained catechist and all questions are welcome.

### ***TIMING***

*It is never the wrong time  
to do the right thing.*

## *Stir into Flame the Gift of God!*

Have you been looking to revitalize and/or deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, enrich your prayer life, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Then this Life in the Spirit Seminar is for you! Saturday, October 19th from 9:00-5:30 PM at Incarnation Parish Center; 55 Williamsburg Lane, Centerville. Continental Breakfast & Lunch \$25 per person. Doors open 8:00 A.M. Handicap accessible. Your check is your reservation; space limited.

See [www.CREDOAPOSTOLATE.us](http://www.CREDOAPOSTOLATE.us) for registration forms. Mail checks and registration forms for each person to: CREDO Apostolate; 4919 Silver Arrow Drive; Dayton, OH 45424, by October 1st. (937.306.8090 or 937.237.2217)

## **Financial Information**

Collection for August Sept 15th \$6491.50  
Charity \$136.00

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

## *Prayer List*

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.*

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

## *Pastor's Corner*

What do you do when you experience chest pains and numbness in the arm? What if the check-engine light comes on in your car? Suppose a siren draws near to you...what do you do? What if some unexpected repairs on your home deplete your savings account and you know you have got to tighten your budget?

We recognize all kinds of wake-up calls that catch our attention in life and motivate us to action. These warning signs launch us into action because we know that a failure to act may lead to costly results. Just as we would hope to respond appropriately to these wake-up calls in our day-to-day life we need to be attentive to the spiritual wake-up calls that come our way. God is always reaching out to us in love but sometimes the Holy Spirit will give us an extra nudge to wake us from our spiritual slumber.

In this weekend's First Reading from the Prophet Amos we see Amos challenging the people because of some unfair business practices that went on in his day by people who said that they were children of God.

- ◆ Amos spoke out against those who were shrinking the ephah. The ephah was a kind of measurement a little smaller than what we call a bushel. Merchants were cheating people by using smaller sized containers yet charging the full ephah price.
- ◆ The shekel was a measuring weight and some merchants added extra weight so as to cheat the farmer.
- ◆ Some of the poor needed loans and so the wealthy agreed to give a loan if the person put themselves up as collateral, being sold as slaves when they could not pay. Amos noted that some people were being sold for the price of a pair of sandals.

In his message to the people of Israel, Amos offers a wake-up call to the people who were in spiritual danger of losing their identity as God's chosen people.

In the gospel parable for today we encounter an employee who is caught squandering his boss's property. Quickly, he develops a scheme as a way of stabilizing his uncertain future. Doing an analysis of his talents and abilities the employee recognizes that he is not cut out for manual labor but that he could win over some friends by reducing the amount of debt they owed to the boss. The amount he deducts from the debtor's bill could have been his commission or maybe interest removed from a loan. In an unexpected twist, the master commends the employee for his quick and prudent action.

The parable may seem far-fetched to us, yet, the lesson to be learned can be found in the quick and decisive action of the steward. He heeded the wake-up call and responded quickly. Do we understand that a threat to our spiritual life is also a threat to our overall well being and happiness in life?

The devil is very tricky and will slowly help us dismantle the moral fiber of our life if we are not alert. There are various ways that we can rationalize our way down the wrong path. "Oh, just one click on a pornographic website won't hurt." "I'll fudge a little on my insurance claim after all, they have plenty of money." "I'm too tired to pray today, God will understand." Slowly, yet surely our intended course directed toward heaven shifts and we find ourselves lost in darkness. There is nothing more dangerous than losing your soul. The time to act is now and God is ready to help!

Fr. Angelo

## *Bible Study at St. Joseph's*

This fall St. Joseph's parish will offer a Bible Study program on Thursday mornings from 10:15 until 11:45 AM in the school cafeteria. The first session will begin on October 10th and will run for six weeks. This program will offer an overview of the Old Testament to help us appreciate the journey of salvation history. This is a free program and all are welcome!

**October 10th** Introduction to reading religious literature looking at Genesis and the creation stories.

**October 17th** Genesis (The Patriarchs and Matriarchs)

**October 24th** Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy

**October 31st** Historical Books (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I & II Samuel, I & II Kings)

**November 7th** The Prophets and Exile

**November 14th** Wisdom Books (Psalms, Proverbs, Job)

Our presenter, Dennie Stieritz, is a recently retired teacher and Chairperson of the Theology Department at Carroll High School. She has a BA in History and Education from Thomas More College, and an MA and post graduate work in Theological Studies from the University of Dayton. Her classes at Carroll included Scripture, World Religions, and Faith and Media, and she also taught both graduate and under graduate courses as an adjunct at the UD. She has given over 100 presentations to adult education groups and has been active in numerous pro-life, social justice, and mission outreach programs in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

### *40 Days for Life*

Sept. 25—Nov. 3, This campaign is made up of three components: 1) Prayer and Fasting, 2) Peaceful Vigil outside the Women's Medical Center, 1401 E. Stroop Rd. and 3) Community Outreach by taking a positive pro-life message to every corner of our city.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

## *"Saying Goodbye, the Documentary"*

Calvary Cemetery has produced a video entitled "Saying Goodbye" which encourages us to consider the importance of memory and how we remember our loved ones who have died. The video puts us in touch with what goes on behind the scenes of Calvary Cemetery and the importance of maintaining this sacred space for loved ones who have died. Complimentary DVD's of the documentary are available in the back of church. You are welcome to take one home and view it and then pass it on to someone else or bring it back to church for others to borrow. Copies of the DVD are also available through Calvary Cemetery.

### *National Life Chain*

October 6th from 2-3:30

East Stroop in Kettering

Come out and join hundreds of Dayton area Christians from many local churches as we unite to prayerfully, peacefully, and legally denounce one of the gravest social and moral evils America has ever experienced! Our Life Chain will center around the Dayton area's only remaining abortion clinic on East Stroop Road. Please bring a baby item to support local women's centers or food item to support local food pantries.

### *Furthering our Faith through Film*

Would you like to know more about our Pope? Then please join us on September 27 as we watch the film "Who is Pope Francis?". The film is approximately 45 minutes long. We will meet in the basement of the school at 1:00pm, and a light lunch will be served. As usual, everyone is most welcome. If you have any questions, please call Bill at 672-8442. We hope to see you there!

#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine  
Thursday: St. Januarius  
Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions  
Saturday: St. Matthew