

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

September 29, 2013 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.StJosephDayton.org

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 30,	12:00 Noon	Bernard Franz
Tuesday, Oct 1,	12:00 Noon	Mary VanLeuwen Aldemeyer
Wednesday, Oct 2,	12:00 Noon	Robin Border
Thursday, Oct 3,	12:00 Noon	Angelo Manzo
Friday, Oct 4,	12:00 Noon	Michael Bowers
Saturday, Oct 5,	12:00 Noon	Mary & Bud Loges, daughter Peggy
	4:30 p.m.	Cindy Gilmore
Sunday, Oct 6,	10:00 a.m.	Poor Souls

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

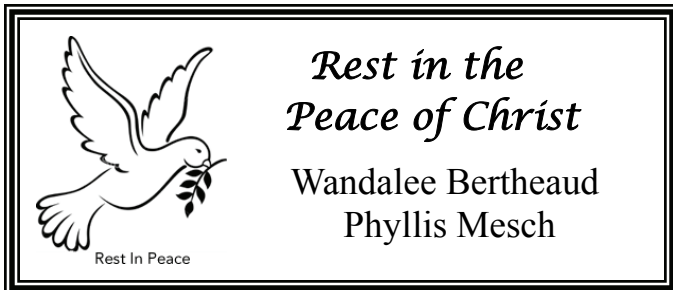
Harry Bossey John Ludwig
Rick Carlile Cindy Luzar
Mary Doerr Amy Spowart
Gary Gregory
Michael Landry

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 the 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.



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 to learn more about the Prolife or Vocation committees. The parish needs your help!

Family Rosary Rally

Sunday, Oct. 13th at UD Arena
Exposition, Live Rosary, Benediction, 3-4:00 pm
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.

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 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 Sept 22nd \$4568.00
Charity \$148.00

Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Pastor's Corner

I owe quite a bit of thanks to St. Luke for allowing me to speak through his writings. Luke, that champion of the poor and oppressed, the lost and forgotten, has a way of getting down to the heart of the matter.

Who am I? I am that rich man in today's Gospel. Historically, some have called me "Dives" but that is not my name. Dives is simply the Latin word for rich man. I am not named because all that gave me my identity in the world is gone. It is Lazarus who is now remembered. You heard something of my story today but there is more that I want to say to you.

It is true I had a very nice house, great food from various parts of the world, designer cloths like your Armani or Gucci, fancy chariots like your Lamborghini's--I was somebody--and far too important in my own eyes to be bothered by a beggar. At first, the sight of Lazarus bothered me. I was uncomfortable seeing such poverty. "Why did he lie at my door and beg?" Then the excuses began to run through my mind, "Why doesn't he get a job? I earned what I have. If I give him something he will just get booze." After a while I just didn't see him anymore--he was there but I just ignored him. It was easier that way.

How often do we take notice of the people around us—their needs, their concerns? Not just the homeless people but also, the young mother struggling to make ends meet, the teenager begin bullied, the neighbor who struggles with the news of terminal illness, the elderly person who sits at home all alone day after day or the person looking for employment but finds no work. I just didn't notice.

You know, my problems didn't begin at death. They really started much earlier than that. The more possessions I had the more I guarded them and the more isolated I became. I worried about power and prestige and positions of honor at feasts. What I forgot was the lesson I learned as a child, God is the Lord of creation and the owner of all things. Nothing really belongs to any of us. God has made us to be stewards of creation so that we can care for creation and share what has been given to us for the sake of the common good.

Oh, I have heard people say, "Hey, I earned what I have!" This may be so, but who gave you the mind, the talent, the health and the opportunity to do what you have accomplished? Did you realize that according to a report released by the World Bank, nearly 2.8 billion people, almost half the population of the planet, still live on the equivalent of two dollars a day or less. Does anybody care? Do I ask why has God permitted me to have the wealth and possession I have?

Yes, it is uncomfortable being confronted by the poor. Be grateful that you feel that way. It means you still have a conscience and a heart. Next time you are confronted with someone who is poor or in need of help ask yourself, "Why has God placed this person in my life today?" And then respond in whatever manner will further the Kingdom of God.

You have the words of the prophets; you even have the example of God's son, Jesus, who extended His arms to embrace the world. I held on to what was mine and in the end lost it all. It's no one's fault but my own. Please, do not follow my example.

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: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 91:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

"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.

Holy Trinity Bible Study

Join us in a journey through the book of the prophet Isaiah. We will begin on Sunday, October 6th in the Holy Trinity rectory at 9:45 a.m. and continue on the first Sunday of each month. Please call the office for reservations so we can order enough materials for all who wish to participate 228-1223.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Jerome
Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday