

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

October 6, 2013 - Twenty-Seventh 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, Oct 7,	12:00 Noon	Matthew "Bud" McCarthy
Tuesday, Oct 8,	12:00 Noon	Phyllis Mesch
Wednesday, Oct 9,	12:00 Noon	Richard Ellington
Thursday, Oct 10,	12:00 Noon	Fr. Winnie Fletcher
Friday, Oct 11,	12:00 Noon	David Musgrove
Saturday, Oct 12,	12:00 Noon	Gregory Bowers
	4:30 p.m.	Evelyn McCarthy
Sunday, Oct 13,	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

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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

Miami Valley 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.

Parish Ministry Fair

Our Parish Ministry Fair is next weekend **October 12th** following the 4:30 Mass and **13th** following the 10:00 Mass. 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. Join us for hot dogs and ice cream sundaes on Saturday and coffee and donuts on Sunday.



Family Rosary Rally

Sunday, Oct. 13th at
UD Arena

Exposition, Live Rosary,
Benediction, 3-4:00 pm

Music start at 2:00

www.familyrosaryrally.com

2013 Rosary Crusade on Fountain Square

Please consider attending the Rosary Crusade on Saturday, **October 12**, from 12:00 Noon to 1:15 P.M. on Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati on the occasion of the 96th anniversary of Mary's appearance at Fatima, Portugal. The purpose of this event is to encourage individuals and families to pray the Rosary every day. This will be one of over 10,000 Rosary Crusades planned throughout the United States & in 25 foreign countries on October 12th. The featured speakers will be Bishop Binzer & Fr. Whitaker. For further details please call 513.793.5872.

Prolife & 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!

Financial Information

Collection for Sept 29th \$4420.50

Charity \$129.00

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

Respect Life Sunday - October 6

By Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As adopted daughters and sons of God, each October we begin the activities of Respect Life Month with the observance of Respect Life Sunday, celebrated on October 6th this year. At Masses that day, thousands of parishes across the country begin a year-long educational and prayer campaign in support of life. As chair of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, it is my pleasure to introduce this year's theme, which echoes Pope Francis' call for all people to "Open your hearts to life!"

We live in a society of unbelief, where the unborn, the sick, and the elderly are often unwanted and endangered by acts of violence or neglect. Earlier this year, we marked the 40th anniversary of the tragic U.S. Supreme Court rulings *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Without grounding in the Constitution, natural law, or our nation's human rights traditions, these decisions made it legal to end the life of an unborn child in the United States for any reason and at almost any stage of development. Since then, over fifty-five million unborn children's lives have been taken, leaving many millions of mothers, fathers, and family members wounded and grieving their loss. Physician-assisted suicide is now legal in three states, allowing doctors to help end patients' lives rather than provide much-needed comfort in times of pain and distress. These laws pave the way for euthanasia by undermining true respect and care for people with serious illness.

Despite these challenges, Pope Francis reminds us that we always have hope in Christ. The Holy Father speaks not only of physical life, but spiritual life as well -- our life in Christ that has the power to transform us. By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person.

What does it mean to open our hearts to life? It means to search our souls and acknowledge our deepest longing for Christ's love. Though we are capable of sins against human life such as abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, we are not beyond Christ's mercy. It is important for us to know and share with others that Christ's forgiveness is offered even to those who have taken another person's life, if they are truly repentant of that act.

We must respond to Pope Francis' call with great urgency. Opening our hearts to life in Christ empowers us for loving, merciful action toward others. We must give witness to the Gospel of Life and evangelize through our lives. We must personally engage others and share the truth about human life. We must continue to show love and mercy, especially with those who have been involved in abortion. All members of the Church can bring healing to the world by upholding the beauty of human life and God's unfailing mercy.

Only a tender, compassionate love that seeks to serve those most in need, whatever the personal cost, is strong enough to overcome a culture of death and to build a civilization of love. Let us open our hearts and reflect on how God might be calling each of us to witness the sacredness of human life and assist in pro-life efforts. We may be called to help parents welcome their unborn child as a miracle of God's creation, to visit the elderly or aid those who are sick and suffering, to pray and fast for life, to advocate to our elected officials, or to assist educational efforts in our parishes.

We entrust all these efforts to the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and her husband St. Joseph. They are models of virtue and holiness who gave everything to welcome Jesus into their lives despite the hardships. With their assistance, may each of us have the courage to open our hearts to life.

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.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19

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)

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.

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.

Optimism

*A cheerful frame of mind that
enables a tea kettle to sing though
in hot water up to its nose.*

- Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary