

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

November 3, 2013 - Thirty 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, Nov 4,	12:00 Noon	Mike Longo
Tuesday, Nov 5,	12:00 Noon	Richard Roll
Wednesday, Nov 6,	12:00 Noon	Lyndon & Mary Francis
Thursday, Nov 7,	12:00 Noon	Fr. Ken, Fr. Angelo and Fr. Steve
Friday, Nov 8,	12:00 Noon	Matthew & Angela McCarthy
Saturday, Nov 9,	12:00 Noon	John Wiles
	4:30 p.m.	Peg Anderson
Sunday, Nov 10,	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

Prayer Chain

Prayer is one of the most important things we can do for one another. With that in mind, we'd like to start a prayer chain at St. Joseph. If you know of someone who is in need of prayers, please call the rectory and leave your name and number and we'll follow-up with you. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain and pray for those who are in need, call the rectory and leave your name and phone number.

We'll begin by contacting everyone on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you ask that someone's name be added to the prayer list please call the rectory and let us know how that person is doing.

Clothing or Household Items

It's not too late to donate clothing and household goods for needy families served by the Ursuline Sisters in Southern Ohio. Items will be collected until Friday, November 1st at St. Joe's, or call Bill at 672-8442 or Bobby at 435-4858 to arrange for the pickup of large items or a large number of items. Thanks so much!

Collection for the Military

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS).

The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments—and the re-affirming Word of Christ—to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and their families. To provide this service they need your help, the AMS receives no federal funding.

Shop our Christmas Bazaar

Elizabeth's New Life Center's Christmas Bazaar in support of Marriage Works! Ohio takes place Saturday, Nov. 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 10 from 11-1 p.m. at Emmanuel Catholic Church, 149 Franklin Street. The bazaar will feature a wonderful Christmas collection from an upscale boutique, donated in support of our marriage education programs. Each featured item will be available to take home with a donation, a minimum 30 percent off the price listed, to Marriage Works! Ohio. Please stop by to learn more about Marriage Works, enjoy some refreshments, and stock up on great bargains on Christmas decor!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once again it is time for the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas Card Program". Dayton Council 500 is very appreciative of your patronage in 2012.

The council will have a 2013 Christmas card display board and order forms available in the Church vestibule after Mass.

Please complete and return your order and monies in the envelope either Sunday 10/27, 11/3 or the deadline 11/10 to a Dayton Council 500 member. Please contact Larry Clark @ 470-3594 with questions.

Thank you for your patronage.

Please note 50% of the profits will be returned to the Church.

Financial Information

Collection for Oct 27th \$4596.50
Charity \$189.00

Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

<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>Tim Chapman</i>	<i>Cathy Kreitzer</i>
<i>Fran Dabrowski</i>	<i>Jane Lewis</i>
<i>Michelle DeBlasis</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>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>Gail Gaeth</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>Richard Gill</i>	<i>Mary Helen Wedig</i>
<i>Dorothy Grant</i>	<i>Betty Wenzel</i>

Pastor's Corner

In our Gospel reading today we have the beloved story of Zacchaeus, a short tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus. We could say that Zacchaeus was a seeker, "he was seeking to see who Jesus was." It took a big risk to humble himself and climb a tree in his fine garments just to see Jesus. We get the impression that Zacchaeus was restless in his heart. His wealth was no longer satisfying him. Something was missing in his life.

St. Luke tells us that Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector and so he would have been very wealthy. As a tax collector most of the people saw him as a traitor rejecting him for siding with the Roman occupation. Even though there was plenty of gold in his pockets, his spiritual life was bankrupt. Was it the dissatisfaction of his own life that brought him to seek out Jesus that day? Was it simply curiosity? Could it be that Jesus heard the comments from the crowd mocking Zacchaeus and saw this as an opportunity to once again reveal the Father's love for all people?

To compliment today's Gospel, we have a powerful statement from the Book of Wisdom, "You love all things that...you have made." Wisdom and the Gospel shares with us the truth that everything and everyone is holy; it is through sin, the selfish decision to choose our way over God's way that damages the holiness of creation. By fostering a relationship with Jesus we see how His reconciling love transforms that which had become evil into the sacred.

Just as Jesus came to "search out and save what was lost," we are called to do the same...not to avoid those we consider unholy, but rather, seeking out the goodness already present within them and encouraging this original blessing to shine.

Those of you who are basketball fans might remember a player by the name of Spud Webb who at the height of 5 ft. 7 in. won the 1986 Slam Dunk contest in the NBA. Spud was a great High School basketball star, but his height was seen as a handicap to his playing college basketball. North Carolina State took a chance on him and Spud led them to the sweet sixteen. And after little hope of playing in the pros, the Atlanta Hawks gave him a chance and he led the Hawks to the playoffs in the four years he was with them. Spud once said, "I used to pray that the Lord would make me taller when I was in Junior High and High School, but every time I went to measure myself, or stand in front of a mirror, I'd always be the same size. And then one day I got the message, so I said to the Lord, 'If you won't make me bigger on the outside, will you make me bigger on the inside.' And the Lord liked that prayer and that's what helped me become successful.' In the end, what is important is not what is on the outside, but how big a person is on the inside."

Living from the heart, Zacchaeus makes a promise to live a new life, to give half of his possessions to the poor and to pay back four-fold anyone he has cheated. Maybe in the loving look of Jesus, Zacchaeus could see the person he was meant to be. Having encountered Jesus his life will not be the same. This doesn't mean that Zacchaeus was perfect. No, he simply made an important first step in a new journey that will lead to salvation. This is what his restless heart was looking for all along.

Like Zacchaeus we must pay attention to the inner nudges and tugs that come into our hearts. Sometimes we need to climb out on a limb so that we can see Jesus more clearly. The amazing grace that we see from the Book of Wisdom and the Gospel is that God accepts and transforms that which is unacceptable. God reaches out in love to the un-loveable. God's mercy forgives the unforgivable.

Looking into the eyes of Zacchaeus, Jesus saw the original blessing that had been placed in his heart when he was fashioned in the womb of his mother. Jesus knows the person we were created to be and is always working to help us to see and claim this great gift of grace. Fr. Angelo

Thanksgiving Dinner

Dayton Council 500 Knights of Columbus
267 Bainbridge

Sunday, Nov. 10th from 1-3:30PM

Please join us for a fresh turkey dinner including the fixings; stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and beverage for \$10. Meals for children over 4 yrs old are \$5 and under 4 yrs old are free. Please RSVP TO 937-558-9311 by Nov. 5, or email MelvinSmolik@yahoo.com for ticket reservations. Proceeds to benefit funding of the council's Children's Christmas party and the Works of Mercy Committee at St. Joseph parish.

Healthcare Ministry

The Health Ministry is providing information on various health related concerns. These flyers will be in the back of church.

Please take and read those of interest to you.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Bible Study at St. Joseph's

This fall St. Joseph's parish will offer a Bible Study program on Thursday mornings from 10:00 until 11:45 AM in the school cafeteria. This program will offer an overview of the Old Testament to help us appreciate the journey of salvation history. All are welcome!

November 7th The Prophets and Exile
November 14th Wisdom Books (Psalms, Proverbs, Job)

Employment opportunity with the CPPS

Administrative assistant to work in the office of mission advancement for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Cincinnati Province, 431 E Second St., Dayton, Ohio. Responsibilities include: maintaining a database of donors; fostering a connection between donors and the Congregation; coordinating mailings; generating of letters and reports; helping with events; and other administrative duties. Advanced Microsoft Office skills are required. Duties will overlap with other offices of the province. Good communication and people skills are a must. Competitive salary and benefits. Mail or email resumes to Mark Giesige, Director of Mission Advancement, Missionaries of the Precious Blood, 431 E. Second St., Dayton, OH 45402-1764, mgiesige@cpps-preciousblood.

Peace

*First keep the peace within yourself,
then you can also bring peace to others.*

- Thomas a Kempis

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Saturday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica