

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

November 17, 2013 - Thirty-Third 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 18,	12:00 Noon	Ed Westendorf
Tuesday, Nov 19,	12:00 Noon	Matt Karl
Wednesday, Nov 20,	12:00 Noon	Cindy Gilroy
Thursday, Nov 21,	12:00 Noon	Cyril & Dorothy Berger
Friday, Nov 22,	12:00 Noon	Edward & Virginia Griffin
Saturday, Nov 23,	12:00 Noon	Mary & Bud Loges, daughter Peggy
	4:30 p.m.	Scott Freiberger
Sunday, Nov 24,	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

November Health Tips

Pick up a flyer on "Lower Your Risk for Diabetes" in the back of church.

Vocation awareness Week

has moved to November this year. While the United States will be promoting the new date for Vocation Awareness Week starting in the fall of 2014, we in the Archdiocese see it as important to remember vocations during every school year. **This year's Vocation Awareness Week will be Sunday, November 17 to Saturday, November 23.** Please include this prayer for vocations in your daily prayer this week remembering in a special way those discerning a call to the Priesthood or Religious Life.

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father,

You have created us for some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path

You have planned for us in this life

and to respond with a generous "Yes."

Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.

May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Prolife & Vocation Committees

We need additional members to be a part of the Prolife and Vocations Committees. These committees work to promote prolife and vocation awareness. Do you have some ideas for promoting vocations within our parish? How can we at St. Joseph promote a culture of life? All ideas are welcome and appreciated. Please call the rectory to learn more and become part of these committees 228-9272.

All Souls Masses

Again this year we will remember all the faithfully departed in one Mass each week. There are special collection envelopes (St. Joseph Special Collection) in the pews. You can use these to list your loved ones who have died. Your intentions will be placed on the altar for the entire year. You may make any offering you desire. You might want to take the special collection envelope home and return it in the collection next week with the names enclosed.

Collection for the Military

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. We will be sending \$1444.00 Your prayers and support are truly a blessing. As Catholics in a worldwide faith community, we treasure our belief that we may be continually transformed by participation in the sacraments.

The Archbishop, clergy and staff of the Archdiocese thank everyone for sharing the mission through your prayerful and generous support.

Financial Information

Collection for Nov 10th \$6660.18

Charity \$155.00

Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Please call the rectory if you would like someone added to the prayer list.

Patricia Bornhorst
Fran Dabrowski
Nancy Dolan
Mary Fiste
Joseph S. Franchina
Gail Gaeth
Clara Garza
Dorothy Grant
Shirley Keaton
Brittany Keirns
Jane Lewis

Chris Luehrs
Lindsey Luehrs
Helen Moore
Joe Moretto
Clara Osman
Anna Pole
Thomas Pluckett
Isaiah Ramsey
Pat Somers
Ed Sullivan
Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

This week there has been a discussion about which building is the tallest in the United States, the Willis (Sears) Tower in Chicago or the One World Trade Center building in New York. There is something marvelous in the construction of these skyscrapers. Even the word we use for these tall buildings lifts our minds to the heavens. As we marvel at these wonders of architecture and engineering we also recognize how quickly they can tumble to the ground and how we must always be ready for the Day of the Lord.

In today's gospel we find ourselves in the Temple where many people were speaking about the beauty of the Temple "adorned with costly stones and votive offerings." As massive and strong as that building was Jesus declares that the Temple would be destroyed and not only that, but there would be destruction that comes from war, natural disaster and personal persecution. The images that are coming from the Philippines as a result of the terrible typhoon remind us of how quickly our lives can be changed forever.

Notice in the gospel readings that the question is not "if" these terrible things will happen but "when" these things happen. From one generation to the next there have been people who have tried to predict when the end of the world will come. Jesus does not get caught up in this guessing game. His response is to reassure us that He will provide for our needs when the time of destruction comes our way. We are given this warning so that we will remain strong in faith and do not lose heart.

When trials and tribulations in life come our way it is so easy to be caught up with fear, worry, doubt and even despair. Even though we do all that we can to guard against danger, we still live with fear. Jesus instructs us to keep our focus on Him and not on the trials and tribulations. It's like a person seeking to be rescued from a tall building that is on fire. The firefighter tells the person, "Don't look down; just keep your eyes on me."

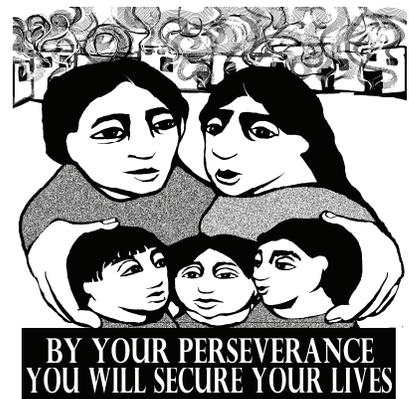
When we are confronted with personal persecution Jesus tells us not to worry, that He will give us the wisdom we need to respond to the challenge and the words that we are to say. Jesus reassures us and says, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Over and over again in scripture God tells us to keep our eyes on Him, "Do not be afraid." Rather than focusing on the doomsday message that comes with trials and tribulations, Jesus asks us to nurture the virtues of hope and trust. The Day of the Lord is not about destruction and fear. The Day of the Lord is all about a new beginning that comes when we die to an old self so that we can become more and more like Jesus.

We know the end of the story. We know that Jesus is victorious over sin and death. God is faithful and He will never abandon His people.

This knowledge strengthens us in our journey of life. At the same time we realize that we cannot just sit back and idly wait for the Lord to come again in glory. We are to live our faith boldly by keeping our eyes on Jesus, following His teachings and example and by staying close to our Father in heaven. Living faithfully our baptismal calling here on earth we are living into our final destiny, eternal life. Through baptism we recognize that we are more than dust—that we are made of stardust and the creation God has made will be transformed to shine with Him forever.

Fr. Angelo



Thanksgiving

Our regional St. Vincent de Paul conference will be distributing food for Thanksgiving dinner. Any parishioner from Emmanuel, Holy Trinity or St. Joseph's needing assistance or who knows of a parishioner needing assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul help line at 228-3771 no later than November 18. Arrangements will be made for distribution. All information will be held in the strictest of confidence.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Our regional St. Vincent de Paul conference is making a special appeal to parishioners of Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joe's to stock our food pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We serve needy residents in the 45402 zip code as well as any parishioners in need. While stocking the pantry is important all year-round, it is especially critical at this time of the year as we strive to serve nearly 100 people a month. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we will be collecting nonperishable food and other items, including: canned meats, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, soups, sugar, oil, baking mix, flour, condiments, dish soap, laundry detergent, paper products and toiletries. Thank you so much for helping us feed the hungry with your continued food and monetary donations.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Prayer Chain

Five people have agreed to pray for those in need.
THANK YOU!

Each day the prayer chain volunteers will pray for those specific people they have been asked to pray for. They will also receive updates on how the people they are praying for are doing.

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 228-9272.

"The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas"

Mark your calendars for the very special program coming to Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

"The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas" will be presented by TV star Frank Runyeon. Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time: from the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of The Christmas Angel himself! In addition to being a television star, Frank Runyeon is an honors graduate of Genera Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

March for Life in DC

Pilgrimage to the March for Life in DC: Sleep in a hotel and miss only one day of school/work with the University of Dayton Flyers for Life: Faculty/Staff! The bus departs 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 and returns about 3 a.m. Jan. 23rd. The bus payment of \$97 is due December 1, and the room \$170.61 for up to 4 people is paid when you stay. For more information call Gloria Dodd at 229-1431, or glrdodd1@udayton.edu.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Phillippine Duchesne
Thursday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Cecilia
Saturday:	St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary