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 25, 12:00 Noon  Ruth & Robert Deschler
  Tuesday, Nov 26, 12:00 Noon  Cy Balke
  Wednesday, Nov 27, 12:00 Noon  Vera Stroup
  Thursday, Nov 28, 12:00 Noon  Josephine Wegerzyn
  Friday, Nov 29, 12:00 Noon  Leona Manzo
  Saturday, Nov 30, 12:00 Noon  Larry Beatty
      4:30 p.m.         Annabelle McCrink
  Sunday, Dec 1,   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
Rick Carlile
Mary Doerr
Gary Gregory
Michael Landry

John Ludwig
Cindy Luzar
Amy Spowart
St. Joseph Update

Collection for the Philippines
Thank you for your support of the people in the Philippines. We collected $1410.00 to help those in need. We’ll send a check to the Archdiocese who will send the funds to the parishes and other organizations.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The making of a Prayer Shawl is a spiritual practice.
The prayer shawls are given to shut-ins, hospice patients, those having surgery and others in need. If you would like to participate directions are available for knitting and crocheting. The shawls are blessed and given to those who would like one. For more information call July Dalton at 247-5066.
This ministry is in need of yarn.
If you have yarn you would like to donate, please drop it off in the sacristy at church or at the rectory before 2:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD’s grants have gone to improving education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and take poverty off the map. Give generously to the CCHD Collection.

Advent Reflection Booklets 2013
Next week we will begin a new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent. To help you prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas the parish is providing a booklet of daily reflections, practices and prayers entitled The Promise of Peace by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP. Sr. Janet writes, “We often talk about how we believe in God, but the extravagant promise we have received is that God believes in us.” This is the message to remember as we celebrate this Advent/Christmas season: because of God’s incredible love, God became one of us and promised to be with us, offering benevolent care and shielding protection. What an extravagant promise!” These booklets are available for your use on the table in back of church.

With Grateful Hearts
In this season of thanksgiving we are mindful of the many blessings that come to us as individuals and as a parish community.
Recently, St. Joseph Parish received the news that it was remembered in the estate of Mrs. Rose Knab, a long-time parishioner who loved St. Joseph’s. Throughout her journey of life, Rose learned compassion for others and the importance of taking care of family and God’s creation. Part of her family was St. Joseph parish and it was her desire that the parish have the resources it needed to continue its mission. The parish has received a bequest gift in the amount of $75,000 from Rose’s estate. Please remember Rose and her husband Bob in your prayers as generous benefactors of our parish family.
May they rest in God’s eternal peace.

November Health Tips
Pick up a flyer on “Lower Your Risk for Diabetes” in the back of church.

Financial Information
Collection for Nov 17th $4961.00
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
We have arrived! It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the celebration of Christ as King of the universe. This Feast, rather new, was put in the liturgical calendar in 1925. This was time when kings and queens were losing their luster, status, and power. Governments were now beginning to flex some of their own muscles. So Pope Pius XI decided to celebrate this new feast at the end of the liturgical season, and it would help us transition to the First Sunday of Advent. Today we stand at the far end of the church’s story and consider Christ as the eternal King.

When we think of Christ the King, we usually do not think of Jesus hanging on the cross, but rather the risen Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, wearing the crown bestowed upon him by the Father. Jesus brings about the kingdom even in the last moment of his life, extending the mercy of God to yet another nameless outsider, the good thief.

Our King reigns over all who have been beaten down by life, who may even have given up the struggle. He tells us that when we find such people, we must pick them up and give them food and drink, shelter and clothing, and, most of all, hope. Give them some hope. Christ our King is the source of hope and life. Throughout the church year of 2013 we have walked with Our King, Jesus. May we come to understand that being true followers means living his teaching each and every day of our lives—teachings that command us to love each other, to work for peace, to live simply, to love justice, and to walk humbly with each other. Christ is a King who calls us to serve and in that service we will find hope and life. Celebrate Christ, your King!

Thanksgiving
In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 6, Jesus tells us about giving and receiving. “Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.”

A Poem on Generosity
We ask for a flower, and God gives us a bouquet.
We ask for a leaf, and God gives us a tree.
We ask for a drop of water, and God gives us an ocean.
We ask for a grain of sand, and God gives us a beach.
We ask for a blade of wheat, and God gives us a wheat field.
We ask for something to eat, and we are given God’s own body and blood.
**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. 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.

**Poor 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.

**"The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas"**

Holy Trinity Parish, 272 Bainbridge St., Dayton, is hosting a very special Christmas presentation:

The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas starring Frank Runyeon (from General Hospital, LA Law, Melrose Place and others). From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of St. Nick to the secret of the Christmas Angel himself; children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time. The event will be held Thursday, **December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in Holy Trinity Church. No tickets are needed, all are invited and welcome to attend. For additional information, contact Jan Reed at 228-1223 or jreed.holytrinity@gmail.com.

**Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military**

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

**Thanksgiving**

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.  
–Henry van Dyke

*Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at noon. Come and give thanks for the many blessing in your life.*

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

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