

St. Joseph Church

December 2, 2012 - First Sunday of Advent
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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, Dec 3,	12:00 Noon	Thomas Pitstick
Tuesday, Dec 4,	12:00 Noon	Garrity Family
Wednesday, Dec 5,	12:00 Noon	Bruce Finn
Thursday, Dec 6,	12:00 Noon	Rita Zimmerman
Friday, Dec 7,	12:00 Noon	John Zimmerman
Saturday, Dec 8,	12:00 Noon	Winifred Drayton
	4:30 pm	Ed Caulfield
Sunday, Dec 9,	10:00 am	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 Michael Landry
Rick Carlile John Ludwig
Mary Doerr Amy Spowart
Gary Gregory Libbie Worley

St. Joseph Update

Ushers for 4:30 Mass

We need two new ushers to help with the 4:30 Mass. Please talk to one of the ushers or call the rectory if you can help 228-9272. Thank You!



Coffee and Donuts

Join us for coffee and donuts following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Dec 9th in the school cafeteria.

Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your offertory envelopes in the back of church. We will not be mailing these this year.

Services for Homeless

There are many services for the homeless and those who are working but may need a little help now and then. We'll be sharing some of this information in the bulletin in the hope that if you or someone you know is in need of help you'll have the information you need.

The Samaritan Homeless clinic serves the homeless in Montgomery County. They offer medical, dental, psychiatric, counseling, social work, substance abuse recovery, respite care and education services. This is only for the homeless. If you know someone who is in need of these services please share this information with them. They are located at 921 S. Edwin Moses Blvd, 461-1376.

Medical Care for Uninsured

Anyone who is uninsured can receive medical care on a sliding fee scale at any of these clinics.
Family Health Center, 2345 Philadelphia Dr, 734-4141
Med-Surg Health Center, 25 S. Ludlow St, 208-2004
Drew Health Center, 1323 W. Third St, 461-4336
East Dayton Health Center, 2132 E. Third St, 528-6850
Cassano's Clinic, 165 S. Edwin Moses Blvd, 558-0200
Corwin Nixon Health Center, 2351 Stanley Ave, 228-0990

Advent and Christmas Evangelization

Our family is made up of every race; we are young and old, rich and poor, men and women, sinners and saints. Our family has spanned the centuries and the globe. We are the Catholic Church, with over one billion in our family sharing the Sacraments and fullness of Christian faith. And in this world filled with chaos, hardship and pain, it is comforting to know that some things remain consistent, true, and strong – our Catholic faith and the eternal love God has for all creation. If you have been away from the Catholic Church, we invite you to take another look.

Visit CatholicsComeHome.org today.

Financial Information

Collection for Nov 25th \$6222.50
Charity Collection \$115.00

Thank You Frs. Angelo and Ken

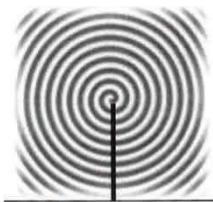
Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers. If you are seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like your name added to the pray list please call the rectory.

Jim Allen	Clara Garza
Peg Anderson	Dorothy Grant
Patricia Bornhorst	Laura Grump
Greg Bower	Norma Hickey
Robert Caulfield	Randy Kramer
Ralph Chapman	Cathy Kreitzer
Tim Chapman	Jane Lewis
Brian Deckard	Chris Luehrs
Nancy Dolan	Helen Moore
Willie Dunson	Walter Overholser
Mary Fiste	Barbara Pacey
Joseph S. Franchina	Isaiah Ramsey
Robert Garrity	Mary Helen Wedig
	Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

On this First Sunday of Advent the Church begins a new liturgical year in which we journey through the paschal mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection. The Liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas-Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time serve as our guide along the way. In the course of each annual journey we are to grow in our faith and deepen our commitment to walk with Jesus the true light of the world.



The marking of a new liturgical year

The inward/outward spiral is a helpful way to describe this journey. The line on this spiral represents the point each year when we begin a new liturgical year. As we grow in faith we widen our capacity to comprehend the mystery of God's love for us realizing at the same time that we will never fully comprehend this mystery. If we are not growing in our faith, then life will feel like we are stuck on a gerbil wheel where we simply run in circles but do not get anywhere.

This year we will be using the scriptural readings from Cycle C which highlights Luke's gospel. Luke's gospel has been called the gospel of the lost and found because many of the parables he includes draw us into the mercy and compassion of God. Thanks to Luke's gospel we have the beautiful nativity story and the message that God came not only to save the Jewish people but also the Gentiles as well.

On the First Sunday of Advent we reflect upon the coming of the Lord at a time when we least expect. In our waiting, we must be vigilant and we must pray. Prayer keeps us in communion with God and enables us to be attentive to the hand of God at work in our lives.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word 'Adventus' which means 'coming.' In this season we not only recall the time of old when a tired and weary world awaited a savior but we also look forward to the second coming of Christ. In this season we reawaken our hope in the salvation that has been given to us through the redeeming blood of Christ.

We begin our journey with the words of St. Paul in his First Letter to the Thessalonians. "Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all...so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our god and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones." (3:12-13)

Note: Please see the special insert in today's bulletin which offers a calendar for the Advent and Christmas season as well as a message from Archbishop Schnurr about the Advent & Christmas Evangelization project. Fr. Angelo

Advent begin Today

How will you prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ this Christmas? We all spend a lot of time preparing food, buying presents, sending Christmas cards, giving and attending parties but how much time do we spend preparing spiritually for this wonderful celebration of Christ's birth. Here are a couple suggestions you might try this Advent to prepare spiritually.

Advent booklets will be available at the back of church. Please take one home and spend some quiet time each day to read and reflect on the message. We will also have several new CDs available in the Lighthouse Ministries CD display. Purchase one and find some time where you can quietly listen and absorb the teaching and message presented.

May you have a blessed Advent.

The University of Dayton's display of international Nativities continues until January 27th. Visit the library to view the new crèche settings and see how different cultures and denominations have depicted the message of the angel in *Peace on Earth* and enjoy nativities with a focus toward children in *Children's Delight* - just 2 of 4 exhibits on display. Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more, a Stable Store offers many handmade nativity-related items, and a special lecture will be provided at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6th. Visit www.udatyon.edu/libraries/manger for more information.

CJ Christmas Concert

The students of performing arts cordially invite you to come downtown for a musical celebration of Christmas. "Sounds of the Season" will feature sacred and secular songs performed by the concert choir, concert band, liturgical choir, percussion ensemble, string ensemble, Hands in Harmony, and a cappella groups. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Visit cjeagles.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is26:1-6; Ps118:1, 8-9,19-21,25-27a;Mt7:21,24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn3:9-15,20;Ps98:1-4; Eph1:3-6,11-12;Lk1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Advent Giving Tree

Again this year we will support Elizabeth New Life Center through our Advent Giving Tree. Please take an ornament, purchase the item and then bring it to Mass and place it on or under the tree. This project helps to stock the boutique at Elizabeth New Life Center throughout the year. Thank You!

Support elderly religious

A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Thank you for your generous donations to the St. Vincent de Paul food drive. St. Joe's will continue to collect food items to restock the food pantry at Emmanuel Parish which serves needy residents in our local parish area (45402 zip code). Requested items include canned goods, boxed foods, paper products and cleaning supplies. At this time there is a particular need for spaghetti sauce, jam/jelly, sugar, biscuit/baking mix, dish soap, laundry detergent and paper products. (Paper products and cleaning supplies are often sorely needed because they cannot be purchased with food stamps.) As usual, items can be dropped off in the rear of the church. If we all pitch in a little, we can accomplish a lot! Thanks!

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Gary Eilers Cody Landers
Greg Marcus Patrick Saltsman

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday: St. John Damascene
Thursday: St. Nicholas
Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday
Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary