

St. Joseph Church

December 9, 2012 - Second Sunday of Advent
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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

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| Monday, Dec 10, | 12:00 Noon | Jerome Wiles |
| Tuesday, Dec 11, | 12:00 Noon | Christopher Uptegrove |
| Wednesday, Dec 12, | 12:00 Noon | Jerry George |
| Thursday, Dec 13, | 12:00 Noon | Carmella Florio |
| Friday, Dec 14, | 12:00 Noon | Mike Longo |
| Saturday, Dec 15, | 12:00 Noon | Mary & Bud Loges & daughter Peggy |
| | 4:30 pm | Cyril & Dorothy Borgert |
| Sunday, Dec 16, | 10:00 am | 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 Michael Landry
Rick Carlile John Ludwig
Mary Doerr Amy Spowart
Gary Gregory Libbie Worley

St. Joseph Update



Coffee and Donuts

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

Christmas Decorating

We'll decorate the church for Christmas on Dec. 21st following the noon Mass.

All help is greatly appreciated. Come and join the fun.

Give to those who have given a lifetime.

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement.

Your gift to today's second collection for the

Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

Carol Glaser-Atkins & sons

William, Joseph, David, Andrew & Thomas

Offertory Envelopes

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

Advent & Christmas Evangelization Project

Please pray for the success of our archdiocesan Advent & Christmas Evangelization Project. This project has two goals: to reach out to our Catholic sisters and brothers who have drifted away from regular practice of their faith, and to deepen the faith of all members of our parish. Please watch for the **Catholic Come Home TV ads**, which will begin airing in prime time on December 14. Invite your family and friends to attend Mass with you during this holy season. And look for a special Christmas gift from Archbishop Schnurr to help us all grow in faith.

Catholics Come Home

There is a way of life where simplicity brings joy and humility leads to happiness. Where we learn that less is more, and in giving we receive. It's our refuge from chaos and light to guide us through darkness. It's a place where the broken receive healing and repentant hearts find mercy. Here our days are set free from anxiety and addictions and our nights rest with more peace. So where is this hope and who knows the way? Our hope rests in Jesus and His Church leads the way. If you're longing to fill an emptiness or seeking a way home, we invite you to experience the peace that only comes from God. Find out more by visiting CatholicsComeHome.org

Financial Information

Collection for Dec 2nd \$5899.00

Charity Collection \$147.00

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

Peg Anderson

Patricia Bornhorst

Greg Bower

Robert Caulfield

Ralph Chapman

Tim Chapman

Brian Deckard

Nancy Dolan

Willie Dunson

Mary Fiste

Joseph S. Franchina

Robert Garrity

Clara Garza

Dorothy Grant

Laura Grump

Norma Hickey

Randy Kramer

Cathy Kreitzer

Jane Lewis

Chris Luehrs

Helen Moore

Walter Overholser

Barbara Pacey

Isaiah Ramsey

Pat Somers

Mary Helen Wedig

Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

I have lived in Dayton for eighteen years and I cannot recall a time when there was no road construction on I-75 between Dayton and Cincinnati. Orange barrels have become part of the landscape and anticipating some extra time for traffic tie-ups is a must! A contemporary way of phrasing the vision presented by the Prophet Isaiah in today's scripture passage would be to say: we long for a time when every pothole will



be filled in, the rough roads made smooth and the winding detoured roads made straight. Just as in the time of the Prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist we hear the call to "Prepare the way of the Lord."

The season of Advent invites us to slow down, and to become more aware of the presence of God in our lives. Sometimes we just speed along from one activity to another and soon find ourselves caught in a hectic pace of holiday preparations which can lead us into a constant state of negativity. As we pause along the way, maybe we find ourselves in a pit of lies and half-truths and struggle to find a way out. Tired and confused we don't stop and count the blessings that we have been given and soon begin to obsess over a deep-seated resentment or find ourselves mired in a maze of unhealthy detours in our relationships. What are the obstacles that are affecting your journey of life today? Hear anew the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

In the depth of our hearts we long for that new Jerusalem envisioned by the Prophet Baruch, that place of justice, truth and peace. Today, we may feel overwhelmed by so many needs, so much brokenness and violence, the pall of uncertainty and yet, it is precisely at times like this that we are asked to dig deep into our hearts and hear the reassuring words of Jesus. "I am with you always, do not be afraid."

During this Advent season as we journey to the manger it is helpful to be aware of the obstacles that we encounter and to see them as opportunities for growth and greater trust in God. What we anticipate and long for in this holy season is not just the celebration of the event of the birth of Jesus, but the advent, the coming, of our salvation. Each time we respond to God's grace we catch a glimpse of what will be in the Day of the Lord and renew our hope in the promises that have been made by God which will be fulfilled when Christ comes again in glory.

Fr. Angelo

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.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Steubenville Youth Conference

Join with youth from area Precious Blood Parishes for a weekend you won't forget. Come together with thousands of youth to experience the Steubenville Youth Conference

"Chosen: Because He First Loved Us".

It's three days that just might change your life. July 12 - July 14 at Franciscan University of Steubenville, the cost is \$180*.

Open to all youth currently in 8th – 12th grade. Visit www.steubenville.org/.

Reservations are due by Monday, January 7 including a \$40 deposit. Contact Josh and Lizzie Ater at 937-361-8995 or lizzieater@msn.com.

**It is our policy not to turn away youth due to financial constraints; please contact Josh Ater if you have need of assistance.*

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!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Thank you for your generous donations to the St. Vincent de Paul food drive. 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.)

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Gary Eilers Cody Landers
 Greg Marcus Patrick Saltsman

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Damasus I
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Thursday: St. Lucy
 Friday: St. John of the Cross