

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

December 15, 2013 - Third Sunday of Advent  
411 E. Second St., Dayton, OH 45402 Telephone 228-9272  
[www.StJosephDayton.org](http://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 16,    | 12:00 Noon | Gene Friermood              |
| Tuesday, Dec 17,   | 12:00 Noon | Melissa Smith               |
| Wednesday, Dec 18, | 12:00 Noon | Fr. William Dineen C.P.P.S. |
| Thursday, Dec 19,  | 12:00 Noon | Richard Roll                |
| Friday, Dec 20,    | 12:00 Noon | Mary Van Leuwen Aldemeyer   |
| Saturday, Dec 21,  | 12:00 Noon | Pat Somers                  |
|                    | 4:30 p.m.  | Peg Anderson                |
| Sunday, Dec 22,    | 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  
Harry Bossey  
Lou Homan  
Jonathan Spowart

### Parish Council

Beth Anderson      John Ludwig  
Steve Byington      Cindy Luzar  
Rick Carlile      Janet Smith  
Gary Gregory      Amy Spowart  
Michael Landry

# *St. Joseph Update*

## *Help Vacuuming the Church*

We need a couple more people to help vacuum the church every other week. You can decide what time works best for your schedule. Please call the rectory if you can help 228-9272. Thank You!

## *Christmas Decorations*

It's time to decorate our church for Christmas!  
Come and join the fun on Monday, December 23rd following the 12:00 Mass. We always have a great time and the beauty of the church is a wonderful reward for our efforts. All our welcome!

## **Time of Preparation**

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

- John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

## *Religious Give Thanks*

"Thank you for accompanying us as we care for our elder sisters," writes a religious superior. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps support nearly 34,000 sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness. St. Joseph Parishioners donated \$2885.00 to the Religious Retirement collection. We will send this to the Archdiocese this week. Thank you!

## *Confession Times*

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|----------|--------------------------------|
| Dec 16th | 11:30 AM at St. Joseph Church  |
| Dec 17th | 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church     |
| Dec 18th | 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church     |
| Dec 20th | 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church  |
| Dec 21st | 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church  |
| Dec 21st | 4:00 PM at St. Joseph Church   |
| Dec 21st | 4:00 PM at Emmanuel Church     |
| Dec 22nd | 8:00 AM at Holy Trinity Church |
| Dec 22nd | 10:00 AM at Emmanuel Church    |
| Dec 23rd | 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church  |

## *Are you or anyone in YOUR family DIVORCED?*

There's NO SUCH THING AS CATHOLIC DIVORCE . . . but Catholics DO civilly divorce.

Please give someone a copy of this bulletin or invite them to The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group which begins Jan. 14, 2014 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the former Emmanuel Elementary School in Downtown Dayton at 153 Franklin Street. Cost of (\$20) per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 12 weeks.

Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Sorry, no child care available. To register go to: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37> Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office 937-222-0227, or go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/event/catholic-divorce-survival-guide/>

## **Financial Information**

Collection for Dec 8th \$5688.50  
Charity \$873.00

**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  | Jane Lewis      |
| Fran Dabrowski      | Chris Luehrs    |
| Nancy Dolan         | Lindsey Luehrs  |
| Mary Fiste          | Helen Moore     |
| Joseph S. Franchina | Joe Moretto     |
| Gail Gaeth          | Robert Morris   |
| Clara Garza         | Clara Osman     |
| Richard Gill        | Anna Pole       |
| Dorothy Grant       | Thomas Pluckett |
| Marie Henry         | Isaiah Ramsey   |
| Shirley Keaton      | Ed Sullivan     |
| Brittany Keirns     | Betty Wenzel    |
| Randy Kramer        |                 |

## Pastor's Corner



This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word which means REJOICE! Like excited children counting down the days to Christmas we too wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. For some, this joyful season is clouded by a list of things to do or maybe joy feels distant because of the death of a loved one. For others it may be hard to rejoice and be hopeful when there is so much uncertainty with the economy, a job situation or ill health.

The scripture readings selected for the Advent season emphasize the truth that there is no situation or problem that stands outside of God's transforming love. That is why today's reading from the Apostle James is so important for us. He reminds us that patience and perseverance are keys to a joy-filled life. Look at the farmer who awaits the yield of the soil. He can't just say, "Ok seed, grow." He must prepare the soil, plant the seed and cultivate its growth all the while realizing that it is God who brings about the growth of the seed. So too, the journey of life takes work and patience guided by the virtue of hope, a belief that God will bring all things to the good.

I think it would be safe to say that most of us struggle with practicing patience. When I was younger, the virtue of patience was associated with passive waiting. "Oh, be patient, Mom will be home soon." "Be patient and sit still, the bus will get here when it gets here." "Just be patient and it will stop hurting." For me the word patience became associated with powerlessness, a sense of passivity. But true patience is the opposite of passive waiting. Patience means to enter fully and actively into the thick of life being attentive with open ears, eyes and heart to what is happening within and around us.

The reason patience is difficult is because it runs smack into our natural impulse to fight or to flee. Patience requires us to go beyond these two choices to a third way of responding. Patience involves staying with it, living through it, listening carefully to whatever presents itself here and now like Mary at the foot of the cross.

Advent is a season which seeks to foster patience and active waiting. As the light of the Advent wreath increases each week we strive to be in greater union with God as we work to restore the harmony that was lost through the sin of Adam and Eve. Active waiting is one of the best parts of the Advent season because it allows the truth of God's love for us to sink slowly and deeply into our hearts.

Last week we heard that John the Baptist thought the Messiah was going to come with fire and destruction. So, we can understand John's confusion as he asks about Jesus from prison, "Are you the One who is to come?" Jesus responds by reminding John of what the prophet Isaiah said about the coming Messiah; the blind see, the deaf hear, the mute speak and the lame leap for joy! The fire that is to come is the fire of God's love burning away sin and evil and making all things new.

On this Gaudete Sunday we rejoice in the circle of family, friends and parish community that God gives to us for support and encouragement. We rejoice in Jesus who gives us his living Word and His body and blood to strengthen us in our journey of faith. We rejoice in the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ who lifts our weary spirits, who forgives our sins and who shares with us the Good News that we are God's precious children.

Fr. Angelo

## *Advent Giving Tree*

As is our custom, our Advent Giving Tree in the back of the church will support the young mothers, fathers and babies served by Elizabeth New Life Center. The tree has ornaments with the names of baby items. If you would like to help, please take an ornament, purchase the item and bring it to church to place under the Advent tree. Please don't wrap the gifts as these are given out throughout the year as needed. Elizabeth New Life Center is very grateful for our support of this ministry.

## *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.

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

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

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

|            |                                                                |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday:    | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27          |
| Tuesday:   | Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17                 |
| Wednesday: | Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25                |
| Thursday:  | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25        |
| Friday:    | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38                       |
| Saturday:  | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 |
| Sunday:    | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24                   |

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: Las Posadas begins  
Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

## *International Nativities Display*

The University of Dayton's annual, and all new, display of international Nativities continues through Sunday, January 26th. You are invited to UD's Roesch Library to visit the myriad of global and loving beasts - the faithful companions of the Christ Child - as depicted from many unique cultural viewpoints in the feature exhibit "And Animals Were There." Then journey on to three more exhibits on the 2nd and 7th floors. For complete information including detailed directions and parking information: [www.udayton.edu/libraries/manger](http://www.udayton.edu/libraries/manger)

## *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.

## *Thank You*

On behalf of Pope Francis, the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati thanks you all for your donations to his Society for the Propagation of the Faith this past World Mission Sunday in October. Thousands of seminarians, novices in convents, struggling school students, orphans, or children caught up in human trafficking, and many others in 1,150 mission dioceses will be served through your contributions. As the Holy

Father stated, "Everyone should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God, the joy of salvation! It is a gift that one cannot keep to oneself, but it is to be shared." Check out these websites to see how your gift makes a difference: [www.iamamissionary.org](http://www.iamamissionary.org) and [www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission).

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*