

St. Joseph Church

December 16, 2012 - Third 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 17,	12:00 Noon	Ralph Grant
Tuesday, Dec 18,	12:00 Noon	Jerry Westendorf
Wednesday, Dec 19,	12:00 Noon	Earl & Mardella Martin
Thursday, Dec 20,	12:00 Noon	Paul Venditti
Friday, Dec 21,	12:00 Noon	Leslie Drayton
Saturday, Dec 22,	12:00 Noon	Joe Healy
	4:30 pm	Ed Westendorf
Sunday, Dec 23,	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

Welcome to St. Joseph

Sandy Waymire

Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to hand our copies of the book *Rediscovery Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly at all of the Christmas Masses. If you can help please call the rectory 228-9272.

This week you will start to see the ads our Archdiocese of running on TV to encourage people who have been away from the church to come back. We want to make these people feel welcome when they come to St. Joseph. One way of doing this is to have volunteers to greet people when they come into church. We'll need volunteers for both Masses through January. If you can help, please call the rectory. Thank You!

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Thank you for your support of the CCHD.

We collected \$1774.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Correction to Mass Schedule

We will not have a 4:30 anticipation Mass on Monday, Dec 31st. We will have our usual noon Mass.

We will not have a 10:00 Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 1st.

We will have our Holy Day Mass at noon.

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.

Region 7 Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation service will be this Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 pm at St. Joseph Church.

There will be four priests hearing confessions; Fr. Ken, Fr. Angelo, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Vince.

Thank you for donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious

A sister from Pennsylvania writes, "In our prayers, all the sisters remember in a special way the faithful of the dioceses who support the (Retirement Fund for Religious) collection. We realize that their sacrifices and generosity have made this (financial) assistance possible. May God reward them."

Our parish collected \$4712.00. Thank You!

Financial Information

Collection for Dec 9th \$7482.50

Charity Collection \$175.00

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

Tom Bova

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

Joe Moretto

Walter Overholser

Barbara Pacey

Isaiah Ramsey

Pat Somers

Mary Helen Wedig

Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

True to form, John the Baptist did not mince any words when various people came up to him and asked "What should we do?" John had proclaimed the clear message that the day of the Lord was near and so the people wanted to be ready. He tells them to be generous in sharing what they have with the poor. Do not cheat anyone; honesty is the best policy. Finally, he instructs them to be content with what they have.

In this Advent season the question, "What should we do?" is very appropriate for us as well. What should we do to prepare for Christmas? Following John the Baptist's comments here are a few questions for reflection. Am I being generous with the poor or just with those in my family or circle of friends? Am I being honest in my relationships and living fully the vocation I have chosen? Am I content with what I have or is my spirit restless dissatisfied with my life?



The Lord is near

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In the consumer oriented world in which we live our lives can quickly get out of focus and the preparations we are making for Christmas can easily become a burden rather than a cause for joy. It need not be that way for us. What should we do? In the end, what is important is that we place Christ at the center of our hearts and our lives.

This Sunday we light the pink candle of our advent wreath, a color of joy for the beautiful feast of Christmas is near at hand. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday which is the Latin word for rejoice. The Entrance Antiphon for Mass is taken from the Letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4-5) Our joy is found in the truth that God is with us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we find joy in what God has done and is doing for us.

Joy is not something we create, but is the result of being tuned in to God. As Christmas draws near ponder the gift of God who loves us infinitely, who delights in us, who is never outdone in generosity! When we encounter God's love for us we are led to return that love to God and to share it with others. What should we do? Rejoice in the Lord!

Fr. Angelo

Catholics Come Home

Over the years you realize how quickly life goes by. For some of us, our journey will end without notice. And when our transition into eternity begins there won't be a chance for any do-overs, no chance to choose a different ending. It is then that we will fully realize how our unkind thoughts and selfish choices wounded others and led us away from God, our loving Father. Thankfully, you can still ask God to edit your life story, and create an ideal ending. No matter what you've done there is Good News, since Jesus came not to condemn the world but to save it. Jesus can heal your memories and forgive your past if you accept his mercy. You really can be free from the addiction of sin and find lasting peace. It all starts by asking Jesus to help you. If you've been waiting for a sign, this is your chance to begin an adventure with God that will last forever. Learn more at CatholicsComeHome.org

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.

Offertory Envelopes

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

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.

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!

World Day of Peace

January 1, 2013

As we continue walking through the Year of Faith, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will mark the World Day of Peace and the beginning of 2013, by celebrating Mass in two locations: Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, at 11 a.m., celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
St. Francis of Assisi Church (Centerville), at 7 p.m., celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer

SVdP FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your overwhelming support of the St. Vincent de Paul food drive to restock the pantry at Emmanuel Parish during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Because of your generous donations, we've collected over 25 boxes of food and cleaning supplies to date. This will ensure that many people in need who live in the 45402 zip code (and any parishioner needing a helping hand) will be served when the pantry opens to distribute food for Christmas.

We will continue our food collection until December 23. Thereafter we will have a permanent box in the vestibule for nonperishable food and cleaning items that you may occasionally wish to donate to the food pantry in our cluster. Thank you!

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Gary Eilers Cody Landers
Greg Marcus Patrick Saltsman