

MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 22, 2013 - Fourth 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

Monday, Dec 23,	12:00 Noon	Steve Kolakowski
Tuesday, Dec 24,	12:00 Noon	Susan Carpec O'Kane
Christmas Eve	4:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for all our Blessings
Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	Larry Beatty
Thursday, Dec 26,	12:00 Noon	Joseph Healy
Friday, Dec 27,	12:00 Noon	Edward & Virginia Griffin
Saturday, Dec 28,	12:00 Noon	Ralph Kleibecker
	4:30 p.m.	Virginia Bauer
Sunday, Dec 29,	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
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

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 are welcome!

Confession Time

The last opportunity for confession before Christmas will be:

Dec 23rd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church

Solemnity of Christmas

December 24th

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph
5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
12:00 Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church

December 25th

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31st

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel
6:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity

January 1st

10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel

Year End Donations

If you would like any year end donation to be included in your 2013 contributions for tax purposes the donations must be received by Sunday, December 29th.

Offertory Envelopes

If you haven't already done so please pick up your offertory envelopes in the back of church. Next week we will mail any that haven't been picked up.

Volunteers Needed

St. Vincent de Paul conference and the Knights of Columbus Council 500 are planning a fish dinner on January 31, 2014. All proceeds will benefit SVDP in our area. We'd like members of all 3 parishes to be involved. Join us for fun and help make this fundraiser a success.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact John Stiers at 898-1183.

Silent Auction Items

A silent auction will be held at the above mentioned fish dinner fundraiser on January 31, 2014. We are looking for donations. Please consider making a donation and help make our fundraiser a success.

Contact Gail Miller at 361-9576.

Merry Christmas

Financial Information

Collection for Dec 15th \$6488.00
Charity \$201.00

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.*

Debbie Barker
Patricia Bornhorst
Fran Dabrowski
Nancy Dolan
Mary Fiste
Joseph S. Franchina
Gail Gaeth
Clara Garza
Richard Gill
Dorothy Grant
Marie Henry
Shirley Keaton
Brittany Keirns

Randy Kramer
Jane Lewis
Chris Luehrs
Lindsey Luehrs
Helen Moore
Joe Moretto
Robert Morris
Clara Osman
Anna Pole
Thomas Pluckett
Isaiah Ramsey
Ed Sullivan
Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

So often when we reflect upon the birth of Jesus we reflect upon Mary's response to God's plan. This week our gospel reading encourages us to spend some time with Joseph, the husband of Mary, and to see him as a model for our call to selfless giving and reconciliation of head and heart.

Fr. Dominic Izzo, a Dominican I once worked with, reflected upon the life of Joseph, husband of Mary in this way. "Joseph did not have to reconcile groups of people as a response to his call. He had to reconcile his head and his heart. We can imitate Joseph by facing our struggles or crises, reconciling our minds and hearts in a peace that will open us to the new things God is doing for us, with us, and through us."

When I think of this kind of reconciliation I often think of the lives of the older members of our congregation who have seen so much change in their lifetime. I can image that there have been times when they felt like Joseph and said, "How can this be?" "This is not what I had planned Lord." "The life I thought was mapped out for me is so very different than what I started with so many years ago."

When we look at the life of Joseph we can see that his actions are rooted in the Word of God. The Lord speaks to Joseph through an angel in a dream telling him that Mary's child has been conceived through the Holy Spirit to fulfill the words of the prophet. A tough thing to wrap your mind around! In spite of his inner struggle he says "yes" and creates a home for the Holy Family.



As we draw near to Christmas and prepare for a New Year, I encourage you to look upon your life through the eyes of Joseph and tend to the hard journey of reconciling head and heart so that God's plan for us will not be stifled, but rise out of the struggles of our inner doubt and darkness to a place of acceptance and trust that God's Word to us will be fulfilled in ways we cannot yet imagine.

On behalf of Fr. Ken and all our pastoral staff I share with you our prayers and best wishes as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas. May Jesus, who was born in such a quiet and insignificant way, remind us of the simple and quiet ways that God enters our life each day and invites us to trust in Him above all things. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Please remember in the charity of your prayers, Eleanor Schnurr, (age 93) the mother of Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, who died on Monday, December 16, 2013 in Hospers, Iowa. Mrs. Schnurr's funeral took place on Friday, December 20th at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hospers. Please remember the Schnurr family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Christmas Eve Prayer

Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission, 1968

"Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.
Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace."

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.

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/>

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

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.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

*They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." -*

Matthew 1:23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Thursday:	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. John of Kanty
Tuesday:	Vigil of Christmas
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Thursday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins;
Friday:	St. John
Saturday:	The Holy Innocents