

St. Joseph Church

November 30, 2014 - First 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 1,	12:00 Noon	Charles & Ada Gray Hall
Tuesday, Dec 2,	12:00 Noon	Jerri Mechenbier
Wednesday, Dec 3,	12:00 Noon	Allen Krieg
Thursday, Dec 4,	12:00 Noon	Alice Kronenberger
Friday, Dec 5,	12:00 Noon	James McCarthy
Saturday, Dec 6,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners
	4:30 p.m.	The living and deceased members of the Moretto Family
Sunday, Dec 7,	10:00 a.m.	John Zimmerman

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

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Parish Council

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

St. Joseph Update

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Make plans to spend time with the Lord this Advent. St. Joe's will have Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the three Saturdays during Advent (12/6, 12/13, 12/20) following Noon Mass until 4:00 pm at which time there is the opportunity for Confession. There will be group prayer as well as time for private meditation and reflection. Please sign-up for a specific hour using the sheets in the back of church or just drop in whenever you can. If you have questions, please call Bobby at 435-4858.

What Child is This?

You are invited to take an Advent scriptural journey on a path through the Old Testament arriving at Bethlehem where you will meet evangelists who proclaim quite amazing "Good News" to all the earth. Surprising twists, turns, mysteries, and marvels await as you discover the radical and joyous message of Christmas.

Where: St. Joseph School cafeteria
When: Fridays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19,
from 10:30- 11:45 a.m.
Presenter: Dennie Stieritz, retired chairperson
Theology Dept. Carroll H.S. and
adjunct U.D.

Mark your calendars!

Don't miss the Regions 7 Live Nativity to take place on December 7th from 12:30-3:00 at the Holy Trinity parking lot. See today's insert for details.

Live Nativity

St. Joseph Church has been invited to take part in the Live Nativity at Holy Trinity on Dec. 7th. If you have a school age child or grandchild who would like to represent St. Joseph's for a 20-30 minute slot between 2:00 and 3:00 as Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, an angel, a Wise Man, a star or in some other capacity please contact Amy Spowart at 937-602-5141 or email aspowie@yahoo.com. The participant should be of an age so that he/she is able to be relatively still/calm for their "shift."

Cookies Needed

The parishioners of Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph are being asked to bake or buy cookies to be handed out at the Live Nativity on Dec. 7th at Holy Trinity. Please consider providing a dozen or more of your favorite cookies to share. If you can help, please drop your cookies off at Holy Trinity parish office on Friday, Dec. 5th by noon or bring the cookies with you when you come to the Live Nativity or call the Holy Trinity office to set up another time 228-1223.

Advent Prayer Week One

Lord our God, We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides

us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Financial Information

Collection for November 23rd \$6207.00

Charity \$164.00

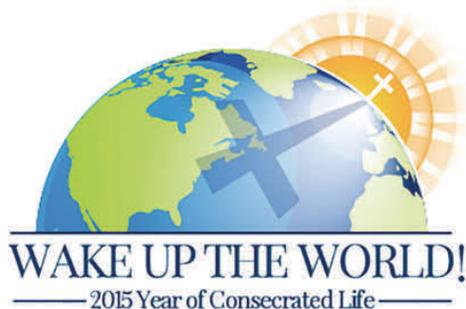
Thank You!

Prayer List

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.
Please call the rectory if you would like someone added to the prayer list.*

<i>Patricia Bornhorst</i>	<i>Bennett Hart</i>
<i>Greg Bowers</i>	<i>Marie Henry</i>
<i>Susan Busch</i>	<i>Brittany Keirns</i>
<i>Pamela Cabrera</i>	<i>Randy Kramer</i>
<i>Fran & Al Dabrowski</i>	<i>Bill Lauber</i>
<i>Joyce Craig</i>	<i>Chris Luehrs</i>
<i>Nancy Dolan</i>	<i>Lindsey Luehrs</i>
<i>George Dopf</i>	<i>Milo Nickles</i>
<i>Rachel Dudley</i>	<i>Joe Moretto</i>
<i>Earl Evans Jr</i>	<i>Robert Morris</i>
<i>Mary Fiste</i>	<i>Anna Pole</i>
<i>Joseph Franchina</i>	<i>Stephanie Potter</i>
<i>Darrel Francis</i>	<i>Isaiah Ramsey</i>
<i>Gail Gaeth</i>	<i>Tony Riggs</i>
<i>Richard Gill</i>	<i>Gerry Slattery</i>
<i>Jim Hanerty</i>	<i>Ed Sullivan</i>
<i>Dan Hartke</i>	<i>Betty Wenzel</i>

Pastor's Corner



Today, we celebrate the opening of **The Year of Consecrated Life**. (November 30, 2014—February 2, 2016) Pope Francis has called for this special year to “wake up the world” and share the power of the Gospel through the witness of the lives of our consecrated brothers and sisters.

Consecrated life is a gift given by Christ who chooses a person individually to respond to His great love in a special relationship. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, president of USCCB said, “Our brothers and sisters in Christ living consecrated lives make great

contributions to our society through a vast number of ministries. They teach in our schools, take care of the poor and the sick and bring compassion and the love of Christ to those shunned by society; others lead lives of prayer in contemplation for the world.”

In 1996 Pope John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life and its mission. It states, “...by professing the evangelical counsels, we consecrated person not only make Christ the whole meaning of our lives, but strive to reproduce in ourselves as far as possible ‘that form of life which he, as the Son of God, accepted in entering this world.’” (Vita Consecrata #16)

This special year is an opportunity to celebrate the past and the many ways throughout the years that the Spirit has responded to the cries of a hurting world through consecrated religious. A second objective is for us to embrace the future with hope. Consecrated life will never disappear from the Church because it was desired by Jesus himself. Thirdly, this year invites us to live the present passionately, challenging us to evangelize the vocation of consecrated religious, inviting others to hear Christ’s call to service through this vocation.

The season of Advent is a wonderful time to hear anew this call to “wake up the world!” Advent recalls the time long ago when a sad and weary world waited for the birth of the Messiah, the One who would bring new peace, new love, new life and new joy. Our sad and weary world needs each of us to renew our commitment to share the light of Christ in the darkest places where we live, to allow the beauty of our lives to reveal the promise of what will be in the Day of the Lord.

Nationally, three major events are being planned to celebrate The Year of Consecrated Life.

- ◆ February 8, 2015: Religious Open House. Events will include tours, open houses, receptions, family activities and presentations on the history of religious communities at convents, abbeys, monasteries and religious houses.
- ◆ Summer 2015: Day of Mission and Service with Religious. Events will include joining religious in their apostolates or special service projects, such as assisting the elderly, ministering to the poor and homeless, and caring for the less fortunate.
- ◆ September 13, 2015: Day of Prayer with Religious. Events will include vespers, rosary or holy hours in convents, monasteries, religious houses, parishes and churches. Fr. Angelo

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(USCCB, Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations)

Offertory Envelopes

The 2015 offertory envelopes have arrived. Please pick up your envelopes in the back of church.

And Now the World,

the University of Dayton's all-new display of international nativities continues through Sunday, January 25th. Visit Roesch Library to enjoy 100 Nativity settings representing the world's diverse cultures. Additional exhibits are on the 2nd and 7th floors. Guided tours are available for groups of 6 or more. For complete information including direction and parking information, see go.udayton.edu/manger

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:1-8).

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Fair Trade Sale

St. Peter Church, 6161 Chambersburg Road, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy international performances, lunch and a visit from St. Nick.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Queen of Martyrs Parish, 4134 Cedar Ridge Rd. Dayton, will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the dedication of their church on Sunday, Dec. 7th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by an Open House reception/party in McAuley Hall. All parishioners, former parishioners, students and friends are invited to celebrate with us.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times Monday, December 8th

This year the December 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is on Monday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because a Sunday of Advent takes precedence of the Solemnity, there will not be a Vigil Mass Sunday evening.

The Mass schedule for Region 7 will be:

7:30am – Emmanuel

Noon – St. Joseph

6:00pm – Holy Trinity

Elizabeth New Life Center Giving Tree

Our parish will again this year participate in Elizabeth's New Life Center Giving Tree Project. The program encourages mothers to choose life for their child and provides assistance with spiritual, material, educational and medical needs. These needs include baby clothes, diapers, wipes, bottles and many other essentials for raising a child. Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item on the ornament and bring it to church and place in back by the tree. The items do not need to be gift-wrapped, they are used to help those in need throughout the year. Please return your donated item by December 21. Thank You!

25th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

St. Charles Borromeo, 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering, will be participating with parishes across the nation in the National Night of Prayer for Life beginning on December 8th at 9:00 p.m. and continuing to December 9th at 1:00 a.m. All four time zones will be praying together during the hour of unity - midnight to 1:00 a.m.

This night of prayer and Adoration beginning on the feast of the Immaculate Conception and continuing to the feast of St. Juan Diego is a pro-life prayer service before the Blessed Sacrament. Each hour we pray one set of mysteries of the Holy Rosary and other prayers and then have one-half hour of silent prayer. Please come and join us before the Lord during this holy season for an hour or for the entire time.

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; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier
Thursday: St. John Damascene
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Nicholas; First Saturday