

St. Joseph Church

December 7, 2014 - 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 8, | 12:00 Noon | St. Joseph Parishioners |
| Tuesday, Dec 9, | 12:00 Noon | Florence & Russell Donauer |
| Wednesday, Dec 10, | 12:00 Noon | Jerome Wiles |
| Thursday, Dec 11, | 12:00 Noon | Christopher Upthegrove |
| Friday, Dec 12, | 12:00 Noon | Robert Garrity |
| Saturday, Dec 13, | 12:00 Noon | Berrado Kim |
| | 4:30 p.m. | John Murphy |
| Sunday, Dec 14, | 10:00 a.m. | Stephen A. Sichman |

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
Gary Gregory Janet Smith
Michael Landry Amy Spowart

St. Joseph Update

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

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 (12/13, 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. 12, and 19,
from 10:30- 11:45 a.m.
Presenter: Dennie Stieritz, retired chairperson
Theology Dept. Carroll H.S. and
adjunct U.D.

Christmas Decorations

It's time to get out the trees and garland to make our church even more beautiful for the Christmas season. Please plan to come and help decorate the church on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00pm. All our welcome!

Pray for the Men and Women

Serving in the Military

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

Advent Prayer Week Two

Loving God, in this second week of Advent you call us to prepare the way of the Lord; to make straight a pathway for our God. May our thoughts words and actions this week reflect the Light you bring to our world. Amen.



Live Nativity Sponsored by Region 7

Please join us Sunday afternoon (December 7th) from 12:30-3:00 at Holy Trinity Church for this remembrance of that very special day, so long ago... we'll have camels, donkeys, sheep and goats, etc., with children of the parishes portraying the Holy Family, angels, shepherds and wise men. There will be refreshments, crafts and music throughout the afternoon. All are welcome!

Financial Information

Collection for November 30th \$7459.90
Charity \$148.00

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.*

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

Pastor's Corner

Think to yourself, what is the deepest longing of your heart? What is a deep desire that aches in your heart waiting to come true? For my niece and her husband it is the longing to have a child. For a family waiting in the ICU it's for their Dad to live after a serious accident. For another person their deepest longing is to break free from an addiction and to break free from fear. Maybe it's your spousal relationship that has grown distant and you long for greater union. Maybe there is bad blood in the family and you long for peace. What is the deepest longing in your heart?

During the season of Advent we join our hearts with our ancestors in faith who had grown weary of waiting for their dreams and deepest desire to come true. The words of the prophet Isaiah are not only for those who felt abandoned by God after the Babylonian exile; they are for us today as well. God says: "Comfort, give comfort to my people." From these words we get the image of God as a loving parent who tenderly reassures his or her child after they have been hurt, scooping them up in their arms and hugging them closely.

The deepest desire and longing of the people who lived in the time of Isaiah was that they could return home from their exile. In their day they didn't have planes, buses or cars so transportation was very difficult. We see Isaiah encouraging the people not only with the promise of home, but also that the journey will not be difficult; the valleys will be filled in, the rugged land will be made a smooth plain. Like a shepherd God will feed them, carrying them when it feels impossible to take another step.

When you bring the deepest longing of your heart to God, hear God say to you that the valleys of sadness and emptiness will be filled with joy, that the mountains and walls that separate families and nations will be leveled. God reassures us that the winding roads of confusion and fear, the twists and turns of everyday life will become opportunities for growth and happiness. When will this happen? We must continually place this question in God's hands. As St. Peter reminds us, "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day." Peter was writing to a people who were living in a time of persecution and fear; they were discouraged and losing hope. God promises that "there will be a new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells."

As you journey in this Advent season I invite you to place your deepest longing, your deepest desire in God's hands because you truly won't appreciate the birth of Jesus unless you know deep in your heart that you need a savior. We are all lost in some way. Unlike the people of Isaiah's time we can place our hope in Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us! This Hope is rooted in the firm conviction that God is working all things toward the good, no matter how tragic, lost or confusing life may be, God will fulfill our deepest desire and bring us peace.

Fr. Angelo

Advent Reflection "Waiting For Jesus"

On Tuesday evening (December 9th) there will be an Advent reflection given by Fr. Angelo as part of the evening Novena prayer service at Emmanuel Church beginning at 7:00 PM. Come and spend some time with the Lord and discover anew the value and the joy of waiting in hope.

A Big Thank You To Jim Kelly!

Jim Kelly graciously offered to paint the second cafeteria and the hall between the two cafeterias in the school. Jim worked on this by himself for a couple weeks and did a WONDERFUL job. This has made a significant difference in the appearance of these rooms. Everything looks great. Jim is a member of Holy Trinity parish.

Thank you Jim! We are very grateful for your generous donation of time and talent.

CSSMV Holiday Help-A-Family Program Needs Your Help!

With the Christmas season quickly approaching, Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) is seeking support for the agency's annual Holiday Help-A-Family Program. CSSMV case managers, along with case managers from 12 partner agencies in the community, refer to the program families or senior citizens in need. Individuals are asked to sponsor a family and/or senior in need by purchasing new gifts that the family has requested. Visit www.cssmv.org, or contact Laurie Cornett Cross at 223-7217 ext.1141 or crossl@cssmv.org.

25th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

St. Charles Borromeo, Kettering, will be participating with parishes across the nation in the National Night of Prayer for Life beginning on Dec. 8th at 9:00 p.m. and continuing to Dec. 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. Each hour we pray one set of mysteries of the Holy Rosary and other prayers and then have one-half hour of silent prayer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: 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
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19; Mt 17: 9a,10-13
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Retirement Fund for Religious

Next week there will be a second collection taken up at Mass in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Many religious congregations are facing financial difficulties because their members worked for modest stipends that did not include retirement benefits. Often these stipends were invested back in ministry to build and sustain hospitals, schools, orphanages and other institutions. Today, with fewer working members and escalating health-care costs there are some religious congregations in serious need of help.

Each year, donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide hundreds of religious communities with funding to help the day-to-day needs of aging members. A portion of the proceeds also underwrites hands-on support that helps struggling religious communities address complex issues and implement long-range retirement strategies. The Missionaries of the Precious Blood have chosen not to receive grants from this Fund because we realize that there are many other congregations that have a greater need.

Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's special collection.

Giving Tree

Our parish is participating in the Elizabeth's New Life Center and Dayton Right to Life Giving Tree Project. The programs encourage mothers to choose life for their children and provides assistance with spiritual, material, educational and medical needs. Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item and place it in the back of church 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 items by December 21.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Tuesday: St. Juan Diego
 Thursday: St. Damasus I
 Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Saturday: St. Lucy

Calling all St. Joseph's Health Care Workers

Because we have a defibrillator at St. Josephs we have trained some ushers and parishioners in CPR and use of the automatic defibrillator. As an adjunct to their training it would be helpful to know how many parishioners have CPR certification. I know if there was a situation requiring CPR that experienced people in church would help. We would like to have an idea of how many certified individuals routinely attend each Mass. Please complete the attached survey and drop it off in the collection basket in the next few weeks.

Circle the weekend and any weekday Masses you attend at St. Josephs.

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| Name: | | |
| Mass I usually attend | Saturday: 4:30 PM | Sunday: 10:00 AM |
| Noon Mass on : M T W T H F S | | |