

St. Joseph Church

December 14, 2014 - Third 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 15,	12:00 Noon	Julia Beres
Tuesday, Dec 16,	12:00 Noon	Paul Creager
Wednesday, Dec 17,	12:00 Noon	Robert Caulfield
Thursday, Dec 18,	12:00 Noon	Wendling Family
Friday, Dec 19,	12:00 Noon	Tom & Rose Erhart
Saturday, Dec 20,	12:00 Noon	Poor Souls
	4:30 p.m.	Ralph & Dorothy Grant
Sunday, Dec 21,	10:00 a.m.	John Keaton Jr.

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
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Gary Gregory Janet Smith
Michael Landry Amy Spowart

St. Joseph Update

Will you share what is most precious?

As part of the jubilee/celebration of their 200th anniversary in 2015, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, who minister in the Dayton area, are organizing a blood drive and we hope parishioners of St. Joseph will participate. Our founder, St. Gaspar del Bufalo, once said that he wished he had a thousand tongues to proclaim the Precious Blood of Jesus. We want to gather a thousand units of blood during our jubilee year as a way to thank God for the blessings he has given us, and to share those blessings with others in need. Our next blood drive will take place on Tuesday, **January 6th from 8AM – 5:45PM** at the Community Blood Center at 349 S. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio. Their friendly and professional staff will take good care of you—and enable you to take care of others. Appointments are encouraged. 1-800-388-4483. www.donortime.com

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. 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

Sweetheart Dinner/Dance

Mark your calendars for the Sweetheart Dinner/Dance on February 13th at the K of C hall on Bainbridge Street. Tickets will be available in January. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Advent Prayer Week Three

Jesus, you are the light of the world. May your light shine brightly so we can see you everywhere. Help us to spread your light and joy by giving freely and happily to all we meet.



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 (12/20) 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.

Financial Information

Collection for December 7th \$10,665.89
Charity \$336.00

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.*

Dick Antolini	Dan Hartke
Gene Austin	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

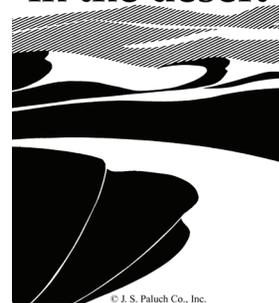
Pastor's Corner

On this *Gaudete* or *Rejoice* Sunday we hear from John the Baptist, a very important figure in our Advent journey. "There was a man sent by God to give testimony to the Light." John the Baptist is an important role model for us because like John, we are to lead others to rejoice in the Light of Christ. John recognized that he was not the Light but that his job was to point to the Light, to give testimony to the truth of Christ among us. The season of Advent reminds us that we are to be the new "John the Baptist," witnesses who testify to the Light.

Who is the Light of the world? We proclaim the truth that Jesus is the Son of God, the Light of the world. St. Mark, the author of the Gospel we will focus upon in this Liturgical Year B begins his Gospel with the bold proclamation "Here begins the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." After making this statement of faith St. Mark immediately references the prophet Isaiah whom we heard from in our First Reading. Isaiah has an amazing announcement; the exiles from Jerusalem who had been sent off to Babylon will be able to return home. This is significant. Their Temple had been leveled, their best and the brightest had been sent away, their fields salted, their way of life totally crushed. To get an appreciation of the significance of this destruction think of something 10 times worse than 9/11.

Following the tradition of the prophets of old, John the Baptist announces Good News, amazing news, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and the true Light of the world. Even though the Emperor of Rome was looked upon as the son of god, John the Baptist and St. Mark both proclaim the truth that Jesus is the true Son of God. As witnesses to this truth, each of us is to stand up to all the worldly powers and figures of authority of this world and say, "You are imposters." "You are not the real deal!" The season of Advent challenges us to "wake up" and to realize the One who is truly in charge.

**I am a voice
crying out
in the desert**



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This gives us cause for rejoicing because we are no longer held hostage by an image of self that is tied to fashion or an understanding of success that is based upon commercialism or a moral compass that says take down anyone or anything you need to get to the top. We need not live in exile from the Body of Christ. God desires for us to claim our birthright as children of God and to live in the Light of this truth.

The message of John the Baptist is all about bringing others to Christ. Like John we are to build a highway leading others back to God. By our joy, by our example of living in the Truth, we point the way to Jesus. Your generous heart, your hospitality to the stranger, the smile you wear, the enthusiasm you radiate, the hope you inspire, the faith you profess, the forgiveness you share, the kindness you practice all help to point the way to Christ. This is what Pope Francis speaks about in his Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel." The Church grows by attraction. The Pope writes, "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ—joy is constantly born anew." You cannot help but be joyful with this Good News!

Fr. Angelo

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Conference

The Emmanuel/St. Joseph SVDP Conference is busy working on the next fish dinner fundraiser to be held on Jan. 30. All proceeds will benefit the conference. Last year's event was a fun evening and very successful. Mark your calendars.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to work the night of the event. Contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194.

We will also have a silent auction during the fish fry. We are looking for donations. Please consider making a donation. Contact Gail Miller 361-9576 or Holly Stiers 901-4194.

Additionally, we are in need of baked goods for the fish fry. If you can help, contact Judy Dalton 247-5066.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Hanukkah begins at sunset

Hope Emergency says Thanks

I received this note of thanks from Srs. Lucia and Sandy from Hope Emergency in Fayetteville, Ohio for all the household and clothing items donated.

"We are so grateful for all the wonderful items you collected and sent down to Hope Emergency on November 9th. We are fortunate and blessed having Bill Burkhart and your parishioners supporting our mission. May God continue to bless all you do each year to give hope to those who come through our doors."

Support religious communities

"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables your younger sisters to continue in active ministry, writes a religious sister. Your gift in today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!"

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.

Understanding Scripture

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but...I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

- Mark Twain

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.

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