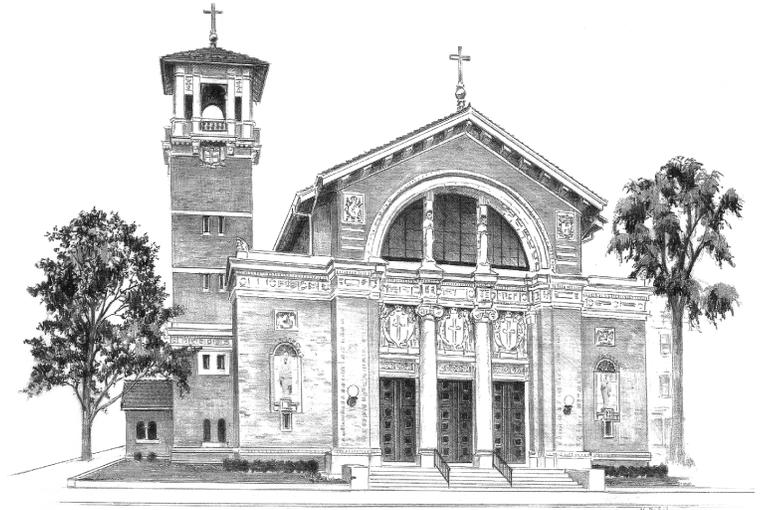


St. Joseph Church

February 15, 2015 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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, Feb 16,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners
Tuesday, Feb 17,	12:00 Noon	Jerry A. Gray
Wednesday, Feb 18,	12:00 Noon	Joseph Wegerzyn
Thursday, Feb 19,	12:00 Noon	Patricia Bornhorst
Friday, Feb 20,	12:00 Noon	Rose Knab
Saturday, Feb 21,	12:00 Noon	John S. Kuntz Sr.
	4:30 p.m.	Christopher Upthegrove
Sunday, Feb 22,	10:00 a.m.	Sheila Riggs & Jana Fischer

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Make plans to spend time with the Lord this Lent. St. Joe's will have Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturdays during Lent** following the **noon Mass until 4:00 p.m.** There will be group prayer as well as time for private meditation. Please sign-up for a specific hour using the sheets in the back of church, or drop in whenever you can for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. Call Bobby at 435-4858 with questions.

40 Days For Life

The mission of the campaign of 40 Days For Life is to bring together the Body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. This year's campaign will be from February 18-March 29, 2015. Visit "Dayton 40 Days For Life" or www.40daysforlife.com

Holy Trinity Church Fish & Sausage

Fry, Saturday, Feb 21 in Trinity Center, 272 Bainbridge St., Dayton. Meals served 6-8pm, with games & silent auction running 7-10:30pm. Advanced tickets available Feb 1-19th, at the Parish Office (Judi Trick 228-1223) \$12 each. Tickets at the door are \$15. Ticket price includes all you can eat and 3 beverage tickets. Must be at least 21 yrs old to attend. Questions, please call Jimmy Keys (604-6063), Sam Eckhart (902-9711), or Judi Trick (228-1223).

Food for Thought's next presentation is February 15th with Father Angelo speaking. His presentation will be *Blood of Christ: Gift of Life*. There will be a light dinner and fellowship starting at 5:00pm with the presentation at 6:00pm. Reservations are required as seating is limited. We meet at The Christopher Club, 3150 S. Dixie Drive. There is no charge but there will be a free will offering to help cover expenses. Make reservations by calling Susie or Charlie Gross @ 937-890-6262 or via e mail @ susie@susiegross.com or charlie@ferndaleconsulting.com

Fish Dinner A Success

Our Fish Dinner Fundraiser was again a success. It was an evening of fun and fellowship. It takes a team effort to have a successful event. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Angelo for supporting us, and to the K of C Council 500 for their help and support. Many thanks to all who contributed to the event: Our committee members, all who joined us for the event, all our volunteers who worked, donated baked goods and those who made monetary donations. Because of you, we are able to continue our mission.

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of Consecrated Life.

Does the call to the consecrated life speak to you, or to someone you know? Young men who would like to learn more about the consecrated life as a priest or a brother are invited to a vocation discernment retreat sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood on March 20-22 at St. Charles Center in Carthage, Ohio. This retreat is open to men who have graduated from high school and are of college age or older. It begins with dinner on Friday and ends after lunch on

Sunday, and will include times of prayer, presentations, and an exploration of community life with the Missionaries. For more information, contact Fr. Vince Wirtner, C.P.P.S., director of vocation ministry, at vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or visit Missionaries of the Precious Blood Vocation Ministry on Facebook.

Financial Information

Collection for February 8th \$5403.50

Charity \$221.00

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

Pastor's Corner

In our gospel reading today, Jesus reaches out in an act of healing love and touches a person who was suffering and isolated because of leprosy. In making this connection Jesus made himself ritually unclean and yet it was a necessary action to bring unity and communion back into the life of this person who was banned from the community because of leprosy.

Jewish law required that a person who became ritually unclean by touching a leper, to enter a period of purification before entering the synagogue. Some scripture scholars think this is why Jesus remained outside in deserted places after he touched the leper. He followed the purity laws but none-the-less people kept coming to him from everywhere. They too longed for healing love, a new life, the unity that was possible because of Jesus.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta worked with lepers throughout her years of ministry. She once said "We have drugs for people with diseases like leprosy. But these drugs do not treat the main problem, the disease of being unwanted." The disease of being unwanted is a terrible disease. We can continue the work of Jesus by reaching out to those among us who are considered "unclean," the person we avoid talking to, the family member we ignore or the person we shun because of race, creed or cultural practices.

At other times we can identify with the leper and feel that we deserve to be punished and kept at a distance from God and other people. What is the sin that you are most ashamed of? In spite of our sinfulness Jesus reminds us that we are meant to approach Jesus with the same confidence as the leper approaches Jesus. In this Lenten season Jesus invites us to come to him for healing and for us to in turn be a healing presence to others.

Fr. Angelo

Lent Begins February 18th

On Wednesday we will begin the season of Lent, a journey that some call the Church's annual retreat. Individually and collectively we prepare our heart, mind and soul for the celebration of Easter by responding to the call to turn away from sin and believe the Good News. In this season of grace we are invited to re-evaluate our relationship with God and with one another. As a community of faith we journey with the Elect who are preparing to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil. It is a time of reflection, penance and purification for all of us as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Lenten Reminders of Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97 and 1252). There are other ways of doing penance such as prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving and works of personal charity, making the way of the cross or praying the rosary, visiting the sick and shut-ins, giving up a favorite food, drink, game or show, reading scripture or anything of a sacrificial nature that helps you recognize God as the center of your life and the need to care for God's people.

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal

We thank everyone from St. Joseph who has participated in the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our pledges support six critically important ministries benefiting thousands of people right here in our archdiocese, ministries which need our help each year. Additionally, a portion of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will go to the support the needy in our community, so please be as generous as you can. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info.

Thank you!

Marriage Date Night and Learning Series Discovering Your Deepest Desire!

Come join us for a series of date nights coupled with marriage enrichment skills. These fun and informative sessions are for all married and engaged couples from Emmanuel, St. Joseph, and Holy Trinity parishes. The evenings will be full of fun interactive activities, teaching, discussion, Catechism and bible reflection, and prayer. The program is designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and help to teach them how to work together to make their relationship into the Marriage that God designed. Through all this we pray you will rediscover the one you fell in love with! We will be learning from a new and exciting Catholic marriage enrichment curriculum called "Discovering Our Deepest Desire" (DODD).

Classes will begin **February 22nd from 6:30pm to 9:00pm** and will run for 12 consecutive Sundays (*excluding Easter and Mother's Day Sunday*). Cost is \$40 per couple. Classes will be held in the school building of Emmanuel Catholic Church. To register for the series or if you have questions, please e-mail Jon and Lea-Ann Virnig directly at leaann.virnig@gmail.com or call 210-315-4663. Please call soon to make your reservations as space is limited! Babysitting will be available for those who need it for children age 10 and under. Please notify us of your need at the time of registration. Thank you!

For more information about the DODD program prior to this meeting, please go to www.ourdeepestdesire.com.

Region 7 Health Ministry

This week we begin our Lenten walk. This year the walk is dedicated to St. Gaspar del Bufalo in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood. The time frame of the walk is that of St. Gaspar's missionary years, 1814-1825. St. Gaspar had just been released from prison along with many other priests who had not sworn allegiance to Napoleon. St Gaspar immediately began building the foundation for his missionary order of priests to bring the message of Christ to the poor and disenfranchised in Italy. Throughout the entire 11 years of his active missionary work he encountered resistance from within the church for his success in his work and the focus of his ministry on the Precious Blood.

In 1814 Saint Gaspar de Bufalo began work on his foundation devoted to the Precious Blood of Christ. In a letter to his fellow priest and supporter, Father Bonanni, St. Gaspar reflects on the zeal and prudence, which he puts to the new task, but also taking up of his design of a permanent organization, devoted to the precious blood of Christ; **MISSIONARIES OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.**

"An evangelical worker to whom is opened the way to perpetuate, even after his death, an institution so praiseworthy must not abandon the work."

As we begin our journey during Lent let us follow in the footsteps of St. Gaspar with the work to improve our physical health and mental well being..

The goal of the Lenten walk is to take time to pray and mediate on the quotes provided from St. Gaspar as we exercise the body God gave us. The activity is open to all ages and abilities, 15 minutes of exercise is equal to 1 mile, we are asking that you give us either time or miles engaged in any physical activity that you are focusing on the missionary work of St. Gaspar. Data collection forms and the basket to place them are in the back of church. Any questions please contact Beth Anderson – banderson4@woh.rr.com or 937-938-6286.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Peter Damian