

St. Joseph Church

February 22, 2015 - 7th 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 23,	12:00 Noon	John Cimprich
Tuesday, Feb 24,	12:00 Noon	Leslie & Winifred Drayton
Wednesday, Feb 25,	12:00 Noon	Poor Souls
Thursday, Feb 26,	12:00 Noon	Susan Carpe O'Kane
Friday, Feb 27,	12:00 Noon	Kenneth Sawyer
Saturday, Feb 28,	12:00 Noon	Joey Martin
	4:30 p.m.	Pauline Wegerzyn
Sunday, Mar 1,	10:00 a.m.	Pauline Westendorf

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

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St. Joseph Update

The Light is On for You

Once again, parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will participate in the initiative, "The Light Is On for You." All Catholics, especially those who have not experienced the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in some time, are invited to experience the love and mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every parish or pastoral region will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by offering private confessions on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Learn more at:

www.LightisON7u.com or follow #WalktHISway on Facebook and Twitter

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.

From the Archbishop's Office

The movie, Fifty Shades of Grey, debuted in theaters across America on February 13, 2015. The story line is presented as a romance; however, the underlying theme is that bondage, dominance, and sadomasochism are normal and pleasurable. The movie is a direct assault on Christian marriage and on the moral and spiritual strength of God's people. Its message is destructive and unhealthy.

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

2015 Synod on Family

In preparing for the XIV Vatican Ordinary General Assembly to take place in October each of the world's dioceses is invited to submit input on the topic of The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World. If you would like to participate you can visit the Archdiocesan web page and to read the Lineamenta and the accompanying questionnaire. Visit: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/lineamenta/>

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 Carthagena, 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 15th \$4750.00

Charity \$140.00

Thank You!

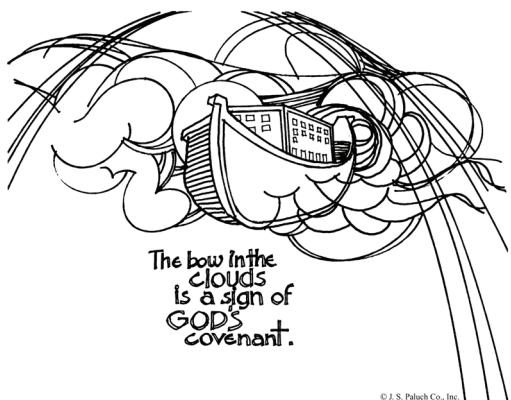
Prayer List

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

Dick Antolini	Bennett Hart
Gene Austin	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
Norah Fass	Stephanie Potter
Mary Fiste	Isaiah Ramsey
Joseph Franchina	Tony Riggs
Darrel Francis	Richard Siefring
Gail Gaeth	Gerry Slattery
Richard Gill	Ed Sullivan
Jim Hanerty	Betty Wenzel
Dan Hartke	Pauline Westendorf

Pastor's Corner

One of the first Bible stories that many of us heard as children was the story of Noah and the Ark. Through the sign of a rainbow God makes a covenant with Noah promising never again to destroy the inhabitants of the earth by a flood. There is something captivating about seeing a rainbow; its presence generates a sense of hope and a reminder that God can do amazing things with his creative hand.



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Our readings today invite us to become more aware of the gift of God's covenant of love given to us in baptism. In our second reading the author makes the connection between the waters of the flood in the time of Noah and the waters of baptism. Both speak of God's covenant with us. Through the waters of Baptism we become children of God and enter into a relationship of love that lasts forever.

It's important to note that a covenant is not the same thing as a contract. Contracts are agreements in which one person promises to do their list of things and the other person agrees to do their part. If either person doesn't fulfill their agreement the contact is cancelled. On the other hand, a covenant is an agreement that is unconditional. There is no score-keeping. Each party freely gives themselves to the other for the rest of their lives. In scripture, when God enters into a covenant with his people, it reflects God's dream for unity that we live in communion with God and one another. Throughout the centuries God has been faithful to His covenant. Just as Jesus was never abandoned by the Father, so too we can trust in God's abiding presence for us.

We see this in today's gospel reading when Jesus was led out into the desert to be tempted by Satan. Mark clearly states that Jesus was not abandoned but rather, he was ministered to in the desert. This is true for all of us. In the midst of our being tempted God is there offering strength, wisdom and courage to remain true to our beliefs. When we fail to live the covenant, giving in to the temptation to sin God is always ready to forgive and restore the broken covenant.

A spirituality of covenant testifies to the fact that we belong to God and to one another. Through baptism we are given a new identity, we are a people chosen by God to further the building of his Kingdom. Baptism reminds us that we are made in God's image and likeness and so each of us has the potential of being a saint!

Living within God's covenant of love we can always be sure that we have a future full of hope because of the life we share in Christ. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we know that God is working all things to the good. Our responsibility is to reject whatever is evil and to pursue that which is good and holy. It means living for Christ, living like Christ, and loving like Christ.

Some time ago I sat with a lady in her 50's who was dying of cancer. At one point in our conversation she said: "You know Father I've learned that the only thing that can separate me from God is ME!" I said to Kathleen, you are not far from the Kingdom of heaven.

As we begin this season of Lent, how will you make use of this forty-day retreat to deepen your relationship with the Lord? Keep your focus on God's covenant of love as you prepare your heart and mind and soul to renew your baptismal promises at Easter.

Fr. Angelo

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Joseph who has supported the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

Goal: \$14,680

Pledges: \$13,299

Marriage Date Night and Learning Series Discovering Your Deepest Desire!

Come join us for a series of date nights coupled with marriage enrichment skills. 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. Classes will begin **February 22nd from 6:30 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 e-mail Jon and Lea-Ann Virnig at leaann.virnig@gmail.com or call 210-315-4663. For more information about the DODD program prior to this meeting, please go to www.ourdeepestdesire.com.

Dayton Catholic Women's Club

College Scholarship Opportunity for High School Senior Girls! The Dayton Catholic Women's Club will present 4 Scholarships to young Catholic women in the Dayton area. The eligible women can be graduating from a Catholic High School or a public high school and active in her parish. Students can search and apply online for this scholarship through ScholarshipCONNECT, a resource provided by The Dayton Foundation. (daytonfoundation.org).

Completed applications are due to The Dayton Foundation by March 13. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Brown at 225-9965 or via e-mail at mbrown@daytonfoundation.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Region 7 Health Ministry

On August 13, 1814 Gaspar writes of his reception in the Italian towns he visits and the success in relation to the growth of the new order, Missionaries of the Precious Blood ,he finishes his comments with;

"... Our institute which we yearned for so ardently has finally been established with the grace of God; may he bless it further!"

As we continue on our journey let us reflect on the graces Gaspar received as his order was established.

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

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood, who celebrate 200 years as a religious congregation this year, were founded by St. Gaspar del Bufalo in Italy in 1815. Despite being a very busy priest, Saint Gaspar was dedicated to personal prayer. In a letter to Missionaries of the Precious Blood making a retreat, he warns them that a lack of prayerfulness is an obstacle on our way to God. "Through prayer God communicates divine light, and the soul acquires heavenly wisdom...In thinking of divine things, our hearts are like a ship which, though buffeted by destructive winds and furious storms, carries its precious cargo safely to port." It was in contemplating the Cross and the Blood of Christ that Gaspar experienced what he called "the flaming outburst of love" offered to us through Jesus Christ. How can we be faithful to our prayer life so that our hearts carry their precious cargo safely to port?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Washington's Birthday
Monday: St. Polycarp; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday: Abstinence