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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<td>10:00 a.m.</td>
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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 Update**

**Message from Archbishop Schnurr**

**DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD!**

Recently released videos in which officials of Planned Parenthood traffic in human organs, tissues, and body parts from their abortion clinics are chilling and appalling. They display a callous disrespect for human life. Staff from the Family and Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese took part in “Women Betrayed” rally at Planned Parenthood’s Cincinnati clinic on July 28 to protest this outrage. However, we need to do more than raise our voices. I urge Catholics and all people of good will to write to their representatives in state and national government, asking them to stop the flow of your tax dollars to Planned Parenthood. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has supported defunding for many years. Planned Parenthood received more than $1.3 million in state funds from Ohio and $500 million in federal funds in fiscal 2013-2014.

Please also support a pro-life pregnancy center that helps women in unintended pregnancies, providing many needed services. You can find a list of them at [http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/pregnancy-coalition-resource-page/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/pregnancy-coalition-resource-page/) If you have had or participated in an abortion and suffer remorse, please know that the Church’s post-abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, stands ready to offer compassionate assistance. Learn more about Project Rachel at [www.projectrachelcincy.com](http://www.projectrachelcincy.com).

**Coffee & Donuts**

Join us today following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

All are welcome.

**August 15th we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Since the Feast falls on Saturday this year the obligation to attend Mass is removed. You are still invited to celebrate this Feast in Honor of Mary by participating in our Mass at Emmanuel Church at 7:30 A.M. or at the 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joseph Church.

**Financial Information**

Collection for August 2nd $6456.00

Charity $109.00

**Thank You!**

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**Food For All Campaign**

Pope Francis’ much-awaited visit to the United States in September will be a moment of great joy, inspiration, and excitement for the Church in the United States. We have all been inspired by the Holy Father’s call to put Christ first, particularly in our families and in our love for the poor. He has challenged us to end hunger by 2025.

Archbishop Schnurr is inviting all of us to welcome and celebrate the Holy Father’s visit by offering him a “spiritual bouquet in action”. “Food for All: Be Multiplied” is an Archdiocesan, collaborative effort to faithfully respond to hunger in our local neighborhoods. Jesus called on his disciples to bring him what they already had, and from that small gift fed an impossible number of people.

Our three parishes in Pastoral Region 7 have made a pledge to collect at least 5,000 food items in the course of this year in support of this effort. United with the other parishes in the Archdiocese the goal is to raise 1 million food items. On the Second Sunday of the month we are asking parishioners to make a special effort to bring food items to the collection baskets in back of church for food that will be distributed through our local St. Vincent de Paul conference. For further information on this project please visit [www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall).

**Prayer List**

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

- Gene Austin
- Greg Bowers
- Charlie Brown
- Bill Burkhart
- Susan Busch
- Pamela Cabrera
- Al Dabrowski
- Nancy Dolan
- George Dopf
- Rachel Dudley
- Grace Eckley
- Earl Evans Jr
- Norah Fass
- Mary Fiste
- Joseph Franchina
- Gail Gaeth
- Richard Gill
- Jim Hanerty
- Marie Henry
- Bennett Hart
- Brittany Keirns
- Jerry Kowalski

- Randy Kramer
- Chris Luehrs
- Lindsey Luehrs
- Henry Martinez
- Joe Moreto
- Robert Morris
- Milo Nickles
- Anna Pole
- Stephanie Potter
- Isaiah Ramsey
- Tony Riggz
- Ricardo Santiago
- Roberto Santiago
- Ivana Santiago
- Richardo Santiago Jr
- Rhonda Santiago
- Richard Siefring
- Patty Simons
- Ed Sullivan
- Betty Wenzel
- Pauline Westendorf

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Thank You!**
Today we find the prophet Elijah at his wits end! He was tired of being hunted by Queen Jezebel’s men. Right before today’s reading Elijah had made a mockery of the 450 prophets who worshiped the numerous Canaanite gods, proving the God of Israel was the one true God. Queen Jezebel was not pleased by this and she is going after Elijah. He says: “This is enough O Lord. Take my life.” You might be thinking, “Is this the thanks Elijah gets for being a messenger of the Lord?”

I would guess that all of us at one time or another have had this kind of Elijah experience in our lives; those times when the burdens and crosses of daily life become too heavy. Soon we fall into doubt and despair and are ready to give up.

There are other times, like in today’s gospel, when we encounter something in life that just doesn’t make sense to us and we start to murmur and question Jesus. We say to Jesus: “What you are asking is too much for me to accept” and in our doubt and unbelief we walk away.

In the spiritual life doubt and unbelief are not necessarily bad; in fact, they can become the passageway into a new awareness, an invitation to grow deeper in faith. Jesus is offering us an important message today as he says: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

Jesus uses the image of bread to speak of himself so that he can make it clear that it is his life that feeds us. Giving his flesh for us to eat is a sacrificial offering that will necessarily take him to the cross. So, we should not be surprised when suffering enters our life; being a true follower of Jesus means that we pattern our life after the life of Jesus himself. Just as he had to endure tireless challenges to his teachings, was confronted with numerous demands, experienced the pain of rejection and the agony of physical suffering…we too must be ready to die to self for the sake of others so that they might have life.

Holding in our hearts the nourishment we receive in the body and blood of Christ and the promise of resurrection life, we find the strength and focus needed to go beyond this world of crosses to be like Elijah who ate and drank so that he was able to continue his journey to the mountain of God.

When you know what food is needed to stay healthy--you plan your diet accordingly. For example, marathon runners fortify themselves with carbohydrates so that they will have the fuel that is needed to run the race. Or when a woman finds out that she is pregnant she makes a choice to stay away from alcohol or foods that would not be good for the baby. The desire for a healthy child makes the sacrifice of changing habits worth-while.

So too for us, we believe in faith that Jesus has promised us the gift of eternal life. The food we need to prepare us for this gift is the body and blood of Christ. Nothing else will do. It is this food that gives us the strength to keep going in the face of the cross and the sacrifices of life.

Today, like Elijah, we must “get up and eat;” because we still have a long journey ahead of us filled with temptations, trials and troubles. Keeping our focus on Jesus and being nourished by His life we are fortified with what we need to continue the journey that has been given to us and to one day share in His gift Eternal Glory.

Fr. Angelo
**Precious Blood Bicentennial**

Part of the C.P.P.S. jubilee year is Jubilation!, a day of praise and service for youth and their families, on Sunday, August 9, 2015, at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein (Ohio) and the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. It begins at 1 p.m. and includes an outdoor Mass at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop Joe Binzer presiding. Fireworks will follow Mass.

**Nine Months with Christ in the Womb**

This week, bone marrow inside Jesus has begun to develop his precious blood, which will one day be shed as wine for all of us. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

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**Is Your Marriage Hurting In anyway?**

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then please consider Retrouvaille—a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins August 14-16, 2015. For more information call (513) 456-5413 or visit cincyretrouvaille.org.

**Prolife News**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE will begin on Sunday, Sept. 23rd and will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Please plan to spend an hour praying at the abortion clinic on Stroop Road.

**LIFE CHAIN** is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. More information will be listed as we get closer to that date.

**Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military**

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

**Dayton Police and Fire Departments**

are looking for highly motivated, energetic, professional, enthusiastic people to join their ranks. If you know anyone who would make a good police officer/firefighter, please let them know about the presentation.

Recruiters will give a short presentation at Immaculate Conception Church located at 2300 S. Smithville Rd., August 26 at 6:30 PM in Monsignor Sherman Hall highlighting the minimum requirements, benefits, salary, and different positions within their respective departments. Afterwards, anyone who is interested can ask questions or complete Interest Cards to stay in touch for when applications are being accepted. For more information, you can go to www.JOINDAYTONPD.com or www.JOINDAYTONFIRE.com

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**Parish Picnic - Save the Date**

Again this year we will have a combined parish picnic with Emmanuel and Holy Trinity parishes. The picnic will be held on September 20th. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more information.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

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