

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASSES:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION IS OUR FAITH

*"You, however, are a
chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy
nation, a people He
claims for His Own
to proclaim the
glorious works.
(1 Peter 2:9)*

Liturgical Calendar, Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday, March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:16; John 3:14-21

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Ruby Corinne Danley (D)
By: Lee and Lynda Danley
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: George Freeman (D)
By: Mary Partee

Monday, March 11: Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent: Is 65:17-21; Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Am 5:14; John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12: Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Psalms 51:12a, 14a; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13: Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent: Is 49:8-15; Psalms 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 11:25a-26; John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14: Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 3:16; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 15: Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalms 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Matthew 4:4b; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalms 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Luke 8:15; John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent Scrutiny Year A Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:25a, 26; John 11:1-45

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Sick and Shut-ins of the S-12 Family of Parishes (SI)
By: SJCC
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Marcella Hill (AD)
By: Shirley Robinson

Requesting a Mass Intention: You may request a mass intention for a loved one or to commemorate an important occasion. A \$5 donation is offered along with the Mass intention request. To request a Mass, please call or stop by the parish office, or you may complete an envelope with your request and drop it in the collection box. A Mass intention is a lovely way to honor a friend, family member or an important event in one's life.

Check
out these
podcasts



The National Black Catholic Congress offers several podcasts on its website.

Your Questions Answered Ask Father Josh

Each week Father Josh answers questions submitted by listeners about life, faith, morality and relationships

For the Voices Unheard The Gloria Purvis Podcast

Discover opinions, stories and experiences of individuals who have been marginalized in the Catholic Church and in society.



Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do".

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent dePaul? As a volunteer with SVDP, you can help others in a way that will fit into your busy life. Vincentians are volunteers who are people just like you from all walks of life -- those who want to help their community by giving their talent for the greater good. Gwen Dukes is SVDP president. Contact Linda Knight, 513-344-3907 for more information.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024



For God So Loved the World

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

At one time or another, you might have spotted, in church, a fellow believer immersed in prayer, with eyes intensely focused on the Cross. Perhaps you did not mean to intentionally watch this person from across the aisle, but you were taken by the reverence of that sacred moment, nonetheless. The figure of Jesus, hanging from the Cross, somehow transported this person, and you knew, instinctively, the person was in a moment of inspiration. You could see it, you could feel it, and the scene inspired you in a most poignant way. Jesus, whose great sacrifice is depicted on that Cross, is a reminder of the profound love he has given to all mankind through the course of all our days.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday, when the priest dresses in vestments of rose. Laetare is a Latin word meaning "rejoice" and is exactly 21 days before Easter Sunday. But today is also special because we are able to hear the words of John's Gospel and one of the most important lines of the Bible: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Nicodemus, a Pharisee and an important leader of the Israelite

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tradition, meets with Jesus in the dark of night to find out, clandestinely, more about this man who was astonishing the Jewish community with his works. The darkness surrounding Nicodemus can be viewed to symbolize not just physical time but the spiritual doubts that shroud our own understanding. Like Nicodemus, we often approach Jesus in the shadows seeking answers in life, yet it is in the light of Christ we can receive clarity and inspiration to move forward in our journey. Belief and trust in the Lord is the cornerstone of every facet of our lives if we allow ourselves to be moved and transformed by the experience.

Our faith, and what we do with that faith, truly defines who we are and how our story on earth will unfold. How we embrace our relationship with our Lord and where we place it on our own scale of importance will either help or hinder us through the many problems, hardships, uncertainties, and sorrows we face in life. How we hold our faith in our hearts will also affect life's moments of joy – these “Laetare” moments – whether they are fleeting or long lasting. How we follow and trust in Jesus Christ can change our lives if we let it. God's great love for us during every moment of our lives is entirely expressed through his ministry and his passion, death, and resurrection. This sacrifice truly brings us from the darkness to the light. And “the Cross” serves as a powerful symbol of God's love and mercy, offering redemption from our sins and the promise of eternal life. It bears the weight of mankind's cruelty, injustice, and betrayals, yet it is a beacon always shining forth toward his love. *“Do everything for God, uniting yourself to him in word and deed. Walk very simply with the Cross of the Lord and be at peace within yourself.”*

– St. Francis de Sales

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Collections ***March 3, 2024***

Sunday Collection	9573.00
Sunday Saints	200.00
Other	55.00
St. Vincent dePaul	30.00
Total	9858.00

Live Stream

Sunday Mass from our Website:
www.stjosephcincinnati.org
Every Sunday at 11 a.m. or watch
the video at a later date.

Liturgical Ministries for March 10 and 17

If you cannot make your scheduled date, please arrange a sub in your place or call the church office at 513-381-4526. All ministers -- Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass, check at the Sacristy for attendance and any further instructions from the Pastor. Thank you.

Acolytes

March 10:	
9 a.m.	Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
11 a.m.	Howard Tribble, Nate Powers, Layla Walton
March 17:	
9 a.m.	Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
11 a.m.	Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

March 10:	
9 a.m.	Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m.	Janelle Walton
March 17:	
9 a.m.	Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m.	Gail Smith

Catechists

March 10:	
11 a.m.	Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Gayle Burton, Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton and Michael Townsend
March 17:	
11 a.m.	Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

March 10:	
9 a.m.	Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m.	Joyce Edwards, Sharon Sanker
March 17:	
9 a.m.	Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m.	Reggie Lee, Lester Freeman

Lectors

March 10:	
9 a.m.	Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright
11 a.m.	Pam Dyle, Bill Jefferson
March 17	
9 a.m.	George Kinley, Dave Stein
11 a.m.	Chris Nachtrab, Mary Partee

Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.	Shirley Colbert, Willa Green, Stan Carloss, Thomas Penland
11 a.m.	Head Usher: Robin Walker, Marilyn Tribble, Joyce Taylor, Bill Ware, Reggie Lee, Ronald Garvin, Robert Harris, James R. Roper Jr., Yolanda Roper, Larry Jerdo

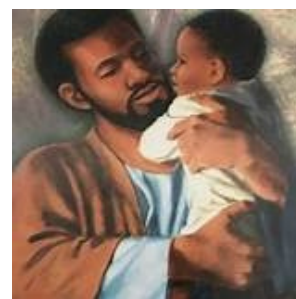
If you have a special announcement to share, please call the Parish Office or send your news to church@stjosephcincinnati.org

Parish/Community News

Mary's Way of the Cross

The Way of Cross will be done each each Sunday during Lent at 10:30 a.m. on March 10th and 17th at St. Joseph Church.

Prayers for mothers will be said for who have lost children to gun violence. It will be led by Vincentians of St. Vincent de Paul Society, and St. Joseph Conference.



**March is dedicated
to St. Joseph**

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Boniface School Cafeteria 4305 Pitts Street - Northside
Parking behind school - enter from Chase or Howland
Fridays March 15th and 22nd and will be held 5 to 7 p.m.

Menu consists of baked or fried fish, shrimp, cheese pizza.
Adult Dinners are \$12 which includes fish, coleslaw, 2 sides, a drink and dessert. Kids Dinners (10 and younger) are \$7.

Catholic Sisters Week

Catholic Sisters Week is celebrated every March 8 - 14 during Women's History Month. Since March 2014, it has been a part of Women's History Month to honor religious Catholic women. Please recognize a Catholic sister you know with a letter, card or flowers! It would also be a fitting time to remember Catholic sisters who have passed away in your prayers.

Share What You Can Drive

The St. Joseph Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting items throughout Lent for the Share What You Can drive. All donated items will be used to keep the shelves stocked at the network of St. Vincent de Paul food pantries. See the schedule below of the items to bring with you to donate. Next Sunday, March 17th we will be collecting personal hygiene products such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and feminine hygiene products.

Bereavement Group

Plans are in the works for a Bereavement Support Group at Little Flower Parish. If you have lost a loved one and want to join the group, or want more information, please contact Anita Bechtold at 513-708-3318 or adelunab@fuse.net. Your loss is important to us, as the Body of Christ.

Listen to Sacred Heart Radio: Sacred Heart Radio brings you the most sought-after Catholic speakers and authors at any time: on the radio at 740 AM and 910 AM, or online at www.sacredheartradio.com. Listen live or scan our QR code for the free app to hear Sacred Heart Radio on your phone from anywhere.

Church staff

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- Rev. Gianluca Rosa, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar (aka Father Luca)
- Mr. Dennis Edwards, Deacon
- Mrs. Shon Hubble, Music Minister
- Ms. Mary Roberson, Business Manager (ext. 13)
- Mrs. Jean Brown, Receptionist (ext. 10)
- Ms. Lee Wilson, President of Parish Council
- Mrs. Gwen Dukes, President of St. Vincent dePaul
- Mrs. Vanessa Rozier, Grand Lady, Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary: 513-313-6900
- Mr. Reginald E. Lee, Grand Knight, Knights of Peter Claver, 513-652-7122
- SJCS Alumni Association: Mrs. Joan Smith Beason, 513-641-0763 or Mrs. Joyce Edwards, 513-281-0727

Sacraments

Baptisms: If you have an infant to be baptized, please call our parish office or use church website,

www.stjosephcincinnati.org

Marriages: Schedule through church website

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one is in the hospital or expecting surgery, call the parish office or use church website

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):

Please call the parish office or check church website for more information



Hear Our Prayer

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illnesses, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverances, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Hospital/Nursing Home

Dysart, Richard: Covenant Village
Hurst, Rev. Paul: Bayley Place
Duffy, Rev. Patrick, Majestic Care of Fairfield
Richards, Kathy: Chamberlain Healthcare
Royston, Patty: Clovernook
Schafer, Sandy: Brookwood Retirement
Foster-Waller, Alberta: Mercy Health West Park
Hogue, Susie: Hillebrand Nursing & Rehab center
Brumfield, Bonnie, Mercy Health West Park

Homebound/Sick; shut-ins

Blair, Diane
Hill, Hestella
Knight, Melda
Mason, Pam
Moye, Claudia
Randolph, Mary Ann

Prayer List

Byndon-White, Shirley
Checks, Newton
Ford, Walter
Heatherman, Christine
Irby, Frances
Jackson, Elizabeth
Knight, Linda
Menefield Family
Reed, Margaret

Prayer for Vocations

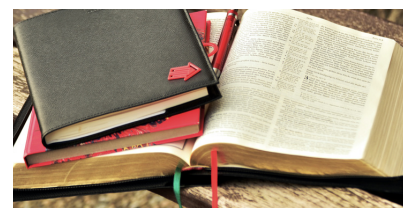
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husband and wives who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercessions of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Protection

St. Joseph, you are the faithful protector of and intercessor for all who love and venerate you. I have special confidence in you, for you are all-powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants.

I humbly invoke you and commend myself with all who are dear to me to your protection and intercession. Do not abandon me or them during life and assist me and them when we die.
Amen.



Zoom Bible Study Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

Be a part of our Mondays evenings -- all are welcome to join us. Zoom can be used on your computer, your tablet or even your smartphone.

To get logged in:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3386881613>. Meeting ID: 338 681 613. If only able to join by phone, call 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 338 681 613. (Please log in about 5-10 minutes ahead of time.)

My eOffering

Our electronic giving program is an easy way to send your offerings online. We are offering this service as a convenience, so you no longer have to write checks or remember to bring cash with you on Sunday. Simply log into myEOffering through the SJCC website www.stjosephcincinnati.org. Online giving has many benefits to our parish, especially during these difficult times. It is safe, secure and easy to manage.

Beacons of Light Information Sessions

Want to learn more about Beacons of Light and how this process will enable your parish to continue to fulfill the mission of the Church in the 21st century? Parish leaders - e.g. council and commission members, staff members, ministry leaders, et al. - are particularly invited to participate in a Beacons of Light Information Session to hear from archdiocesan leadership and ask questions. Sessions will be offered in each of the six deaneries with a few online options as well. Go to www.pathway.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions.

From the Archdiocese

Ember Days 2024: Ember Days are run by seminarians for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This event is for high school boys to learn about prayer, discernment, seminary, and the priesthood. Ember Days 2024 are on Friday, June 7 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati and Saturday, June 8 at Sacred Heart in McCartyville. More information will soon be available at www.cincinnati vocations.org.

The National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis: Join thousands of fellow disciples from across the U.S. and beyond for the event which will include prayer, workshops, concerts, and more. The National Congress is a centerpiece of the multi-year Eucharistic Revival initiated and led by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Groups or individuals may register for the entire event or for just a day. For more information, go to <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

Workshop on Grief: On May 9, the Office for Consecrated life will host the annual IMAR (Intercongregational Ministry to Aging Religious) Workshop, featuring Sheila Munafa-Kanoza on the topic of grief. This workshop is for those who work with our aging religious, especially those serving in our 14 regional health care centers such as Mount Notre Dame, the Sisters of Charity and the St. Charles Senior Living Community, to name a few. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/IMARGrief> or contact Maria Reinagel at mreinagel@catholicaoc.org.

Wedding Anniversary Certificates: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years ... Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati web page at: <https://bit.ly/3IgyXfv>. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cnc@catholicaoc.org.

Are You Celebrating Your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024?: Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses: • Saturday, Sept. 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City. Celebrant: To be determined • Sunday, Sept. 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati. Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form linked here: <https://bit.ly/3IgyXfv>. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cnc@catholicaoc.org

Career Opportunities at Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio: Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio continues to grow and serve more people in our community. If you or someone you know is seeking a career change, keep an eye on our career page at www.ccswoh.org/careers2.

Help Local Refugees: With a large influx of refugees coming to Cincinnati, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio Refugee Resettlement Services needs your help for the families we are receiving. We need donations of furniture and other household items (linens, dishes, pots and pans, etc.). Volunteers are greatly needed to pick up furniture and set up housing, as well as to serve as mentors for refugee youth. To find lists of needed items or to learn more about volunteering, visit www.ccswoh.org or call our office at 513-241-7745.

Project Rachel: A ministry of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. Individuals can engage in this ministry for healing through one-on-one conversation with peers, consultation with a priest (including in Spanish), support groups, retreats for mothers who lost a child, and a day of reflection for anyone (father, grandparent, friend, etc.). Go to <https://projectrachelohio.org/> or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513-784-0531 for information. Next retreat: March 8-10, 2024.

Interested in the Catholic Faith: Do you want to know more about the Christian Catholic faith? Are you thirsting for a good refresher review on the Christian Catholic faith? If so, we invite you to sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you would like to join a group for this faith journey, baptized or not baptized, our series of weekly sessions will begin in the fall and run through spring. For more information, please contact Little Flower's Director of Faith Formation, Greg Niehaus at gniehaus@littleflower-church.org or at 513-541-5560 or 513-598-8880, or Deacon Dennis Edwards at defirst@aol.com or at 513-741-3070.

Walk up Produce Pantry

2nd Tuesday of every month



Catholic Charities
Southwestern Ohio
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St. Joseph Catholic Church, 745 Ezzard Charles Dr.

Eligibility Guidelines: TEFAP Household income at or below 200% the federal poverty line

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 from 11:00-1:00pm

Picture ID and current piece of mail necessary for registration.

If local schools close or delay due to inclement weather, the Mobile Pantry will be cancelled or rescheduled.

Questions or willing to volunteer... Contact CCSWO Food for All Coordinator at 513.672.3720

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Anthem strong support of St. Joseph Catholic Church and volunteers.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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Pautas de elegibilidad de TEFAP: Ingreso familiar igual o inferior al 200 % de la línea de pobreza federal.

Martes, 12 de Marzo, 2024 desde 11:00-1:00pm

Martes, 9 de Abril, 2024 desde 11:00-1:00pm

Martes, 14 de Mayo, 2024 desde 11:00-1:00pm

Identificación con foto y pieza de correo actual necesaria para el registro.

Si las escuelas locales cierran o se retrasan debido a las inclemencias del tiempo, la despensa móvil se cancelará o reprogramará.

Preguntas o dispuesta a ser voluntario.... Comuníquese con la coordinadora de Food for All de Caridades Católicas al 513.672.3720.

Hecho posible por Caridades Católicas del Suroeste de Ohio, Freestore Foodbank,
Anthem y el fuerte apoyo de la Iglesia Católica St. Joseph.

Esta institución es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.

