

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Deacon Dennis Edwards

Mrs. Shon Hubble, MM, Music Ministry

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, May 12: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:19a, 20b; Mark 16:15-20

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Ty Williams (AD)
By: Elizabeth Berry
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Janet Harden (AB)
By: Calista Smith

Monday, May 13: Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Acts 19:1-8; Psalms 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Col 3:1; John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 14: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:16; John 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 15: Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Acts 20:28-38; Psalms 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17:17b, 17a; John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 16: Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:21; John 17:20-26

Friday, May 17: Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 14:26; John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 18: Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalms 11:4, 5 and 7; John 16:7, 13; John 21:20-25

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Janet Harden (D)
By: Calista Smith
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Nancy Jones (AB)
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.

Seventh Sunday
of Easter
May 12, 2024



The Grace and Glory of Ascension Day

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

Happy Mother's Day to all our dear, steadfast mothers. May you enjoy this special day!

Today we celebrate one of the most important feasts of our Church calendar, the commemoration of Jesus' bodily ascension into heaven, as he is seated at the right hand of his Father. With beautiful symbolic language which embrace all our Scripture readings today, we relive the moment Jesus rises to his glory as our Prince of Peace to reign over all creation and to inspire each of us to continue his ministry here on earth. He is not a vague person from the past or a heroic figure we might read about in a book; rather, he is actively present in our lives and in his Church forevermore. His ascension is the meeting of heaven and earth—God's will and purpose—bringing light into darkness and hope into suffering hearts.

There are a multitude of artistic images that celebrate the Ascension, from depictions in early centuries, to artists of the Baroque and Renaissance periods such as Rembrandt, to more modern interpretations by artists such as Salvadore Dali; these symbolic portrayals often show both Christ's humanity and his divinity in great dramatic form. However,

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Liturgical Ministries for May 12 and May 19

sometimes it is in the words of wise others who can inspire us on this day:

-- *This is the grace of Ascension Day: to be taken up into the heaven of our own souls, the point of immediate contact with God. Heaven is where God is present within each of us, closer to us than any human being... there is no need to look up into the sky... but rather to turn our glance inward.*

Thomas Merton

--*Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him.*

St. Augustine

--*Be deeply conscious of Christ's victory and triumph over sin and death.*

Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world... And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that he can come back again and take us to himself.

St. Pope John Paul II

--*With the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened: Jesus brought our humanity into heaven, that is, in God.*

That humanity that he had assumed on earth did not remain here. It ascended into God and there it will remain forever.

Pope Francis

--*The Ascension is Jesus' journey not to another place, but to another dimension. But this dimension to which he has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power, and direction. And this is why the angels who appear to the disciples just after Jesus' departure say, "Men of Gallilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What are they hinting at—none too subtly—is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the Church.*

Bishop Robert Barron
Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Collection for May 5, 2024

Sunday collection	2664.00
myEoffering	238.04
Sunday Saints	480.00
Other	43.00
Total	3425.04

Live Stream

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

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

May 12:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

May 19:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

May 12:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

May 19:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

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Catechists

May 12:

11 a.m.

Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Gayle Burton, Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton and Michael Townsend

May 19:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

May 12:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Gail Smith, Sharon Sanker

May 19:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Mark Patel, Mary Roberson

Lectors

May 12

9 a.m.

Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright

11 a.m.

Pam Dyle, Bill Jefferson

May 19:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Dave Stein

11 a.m.

Pam Franklin, Mary Partee

Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.

Shirley Colbert, Willa Green, Stan Carlross, Thomas Penland

11 a.m.

Head Usher: Robin Walker, Marilyn Tribble, 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

Liturgy and Life

As Jesus takes his place at the right hand of God, his followers are tasked with sharing the Good News. What does such sharing look like today in a multi-religious world? How can we proclaim the Gospel far and wide while also honoring the religious beliefs of other faiths? The goal of healthy interfaith dialogue is not to convert one another, but rather to deepen mutual respect and understanding. In honor of today's Gospel, consider visiting a person of another faith to learn what they believe and why.

Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Raffle

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

13 Chances to Win!

1st Prize: \$3,000 CASH!

2nd Prize: \$2,000 CASH!

3rd Prize: \$1,000 CASH!

Ten 4th Prizes: \$150 CASH EACH!

DRAWING: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK - Omni Hotel

Winner need not be present

Donation \$2.00

Please see a member Knight or Lady for tickets or information.

Quiz on New American Bible

3. What is another name for the Pentateuch?
 - A. Septuagint
 - B. Vulgate
 - C. Torah
 - D. Tanakh
4. Which prophet uses his marriage as a metaphor for the relationship between God and his people?
 - A. Isaiah
 - B. Hosea
 - C. Habbakuk
 - D. Joel

Email your answers to church@stjosephcincinnati.org or call the parish office. Please include your name, telephone number and answer.

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 adclunab@fuse.net.

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.



*Month of Mary,
Mother of God*

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
Rebeck, Joan, Twin Oaks Senior Living

Homebound/Sick; shut-ins

Blair, Diane
Hill, Hestella
Knight, Melda
Mason, Pam
Moye, Claudia
Randolph, Mary Ann
Lomax, Jennifer
Cowherd, Diane
Robinson, Shirley

Prayer List

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

Prayer for Vocations

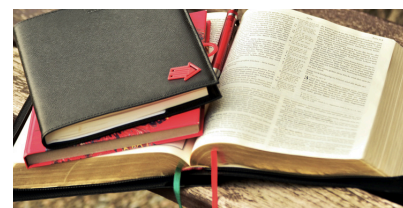
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your 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 fellow disciples from across the U.S. and beyond for the event which will include prayer, workshops and concerts. Groups or individuals may register for the entire event or for a day. For information, go to <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to Archdiocese July 1-8: The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati July 1-8 on its way to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. Along the route, several parishes will be offering special opportunities for prayer and fellowship. On July 6, Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Cincinnati and Eucharistic Festival on Fountain Square. Please plan to participate in this wonderful event! Go to www.JesusIsHere2024.org for information.

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.

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.

Please join us for the I Hear Music in the Air 23rd Annual *Legends Ball*, where Shon Hubble our music minister will be honored for her ministry . We have a few more seats available at tables reserved by St. Joseph parish. Contact the parish office for ticket information.



MAY 19, 2024 - 5:00PM

THE 23rd ANNUAL
Legends Ball

HONOREES
DR. CLEASTER MIMS
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SHON "ESTEE" HUBBLE
ERIC OLIVER
ERIC WATFORD
THE NORTHERN KY BROTHERHOOD SINGERS
DR. BRYAN WALKER

\$75.00

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

Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, July 9th, 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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