

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, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 14:23; John 15:9-17

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Family of Parishes (SI)

By: SJCC

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Eliza Julius (AB)

By: Shirley Robinson

For: Vanessa Walker (AD)

By: Robin Walker

Monday, May 6: Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 16:11-15; Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15:26b, 27a; John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 7: Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 16:22-34; Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16:7, 13; John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8: Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 14:16; John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9: Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 18:1-8; Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14:18; John 16:16-20

Friday, May 10: Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 18:9-8; Psalms 147:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24:46, 26; John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 11: Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 18:23-28; Psalms 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16:28; John 16:23b-28

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 (D)

By: Calista Smith

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.

Sixth Sunday
of Easter
May 5, 2024



Remain in My Love

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

In today's world, where division seems to be the norm, Jesus's call to "remain in my love," highlighted in today's Gospel, takes on a profound significance.

Because we seem to witness conflicts, strife, and discord daily, Jesus's beautiful words remind us of the power and importance of love, especially his love, in overcoming the negative aspects of life that often hurt and worry us.

Whether it's issues that affect us all, such as animosity between nations, the polarization in politics, criminality within communities, or issues that impact us personally, such as rifts in families, disagreements with friends, or anger within ourselves, the call to remain in love, despite the negativity and disorder of our lives, offers us a path to healing, reconciliation, and a way forward.

Today, on this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we delve deeper into the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of John that continues Jesus's Last Supper Discourse.

Here Jesus refers to the "commandments" five times and "love" nine times, with both words juxtaposed to help us better understand the great lessons of his ministry.

Jesus' first and greatest commandment is to love God with
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our whole hearts and our neighbor as ourselves.

Yet, Jesus implores us not just to love but to remain in his love. He desires not just fleeting happiness but complete joy for us all.

And how glorious it is that Jesus elevates our relationship with him by referring to us as friends!

This profound shift in perspective underscores the depth of his love and the intimacy he seeks with us.

Furthermore, Jesus reaffirms that it is he who chose us, initiating this bond of love and his eternal commitment.

What does this Gospel mean for our lives today?

In the midst of the conflicts and challenges we face, Jesus's words offer solace and guidance.

Just as he chose to love us despite our flaws, we are called to extend that same love to others, even when it seems most difficult.

Our world may be fractured, but by remaining rooted in the love of Christ, we can strive for unity, understanding, and reconciliation.

Just as Jesus embraced the outcasts and the marginalized, we are called to reach out to those on the margins of society, to those who suffer often inconsolably, by extending the same love and acceptance that we have received.

In doing so, we become vessels of his love, bringing light into the darkness and healing to all the brokenness around us.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Collection for April 28, 2024

Sunday collection	4809.00
myEoffering	289.98
Sunday Saints	200.00
Other	15.00
Total	5313.98

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 May 5 and May 12

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 5:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

May 12:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

May 5:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Janelle Walton

May 12:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

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Catechists

May 5:

11 a.m.

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

May 12:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

May 5:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Denise Stockstill

May 12:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Gail Smith, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

May 5

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Robert Sanker, Janelle Walton

May 12:

9 a.m.

Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright

11 a.m.

Pam Dyle, Bill Jefferson

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

On the surface, love may not seem like much of a challenge. Call to mind how your heart expands when a dear friend visits or a care package arrives from a favorite relative. Love seems to happen instantaneously in encounters with our closest people. But what about love that does not come easy? How do we love people who look different, vote different, or get on our last nerves? This is the love to which Jesus calls us, a love that knows no bounds. Reach out to someone outside of your usual circle. Learn their story. Allow your heart to expand.

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.

Bible Quiz

1. Which of the following is not a son of Jacob?

- A. Asher
- B. Josiah
- C. Benjamin
- D. Gad

1. How many books are there in the Old Testament?

- A. 46
- B. 39
- C. 25
- D. 73

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 adelunab@fuse.net.

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**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
Brumfield, Bonnie, Mercy Health West Park
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

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

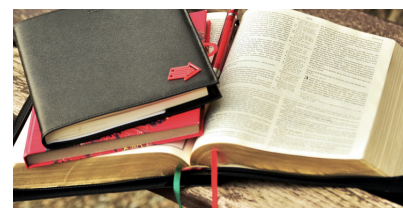
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your 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 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.

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 dfirst@aol.com or at 513-741-3070.



The Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary 85th Conference in Norfolk, Virginia awarded the following awards and scholarship to our KPC members.

Awarded "Grand Lady of the Year for 2024"
Vanessa Rozier of KPC- St Joseph Court #363

Scholarship was awarded:

•The "Teresa Mardenborough Memorial Scholarship" Recipient for 2024 is:

Caylee Chenault of KPC-St Joseph Court #363

and to top things off:

Regina Storms Chenault of KPC-St Joseph Court #363 won the top prize for the scholarship raffle for \$1000.