

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, August 18: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Prv 9:1-6; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:56; John 6:51-58

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Ida Jackson (BA)
By: Linda Knight
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Elizabeth A. Jackson (D)
By: Mary Partee

Monday, August 19: Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 24:15-23; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21; Matthew 5:3; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20: Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church: Ezekiel: 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab1; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 21: Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 22: Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Psalms 95:8; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 23: Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 25:4b, 5a; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24: Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle: Revelations 21:9b-14; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1:49b; John 1:45-51

Sunday, August 25: Twentieth-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalms 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; John 6:63c, 68c; John 6:60

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Hestella Hill (SI)
By: Linda Knight
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Eurice Vincent (AB)
By: Anonymous

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 for giving their talent for the greater good. Gwen Dukes is SVDP Conference President. Contact Linda Knight 513-344-3907 for more information.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2024



The Real Presence of the Eucharist

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord

It is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and in this week's continuation of Jesus' Bread of Life discourse, Jesus presents the consummation of all his teachings from John, Chapter 6.

This passage is one of the most stunning declarations in the New Testament, not only for the Jews of that day, but for us today as well. In our modern world, human beings rely on facts, provable outcomes, qualitative and quantitative analyses, metrics, and optics, so clearly Jesus's assertion that one must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to achieve eternal life are difficult words for us to embrace.

And for the Jews, who were forbidden to consume animal blood in any form, his words were shocking and objectionable. Yet, this belief – the transubstantiation of bread and wine to become the body and blood of Jesus Christ – is one of our core Catholic beliefs: the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Christ is tangible and he is present at every Mass, although this transformation cannot be measured or seen by any one of us. It is through faith that we accept this teaching, and we have held it true across the centuries. Perhaps the beautiful words of others – saints and scholars alike – will help light the way:

He who is all-knowing knew of

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Liturgical Ministries for August 18 and 25

nothing more that he could give than the Eucharist. He who is all-powerful could not do any more than he does in the sacrament and he who is all loving had nothing more that He could give. The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue.”

(St. Augustine)

This morning, while I was celebrating the Eucharist, I thought about this a lot because it is what gives us life. Indeed, the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life because in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey.

(Pope Francis)

In this world there is nothing of the Most High Himself that we can possess and contemplate with our eyes, except His body and blood.

(St. Francis of Assisi)

Here on earth it's impossible to perform a more meritorious act than visiting Jesus often in the Eucharist. If you took all of the good works done by all of the humans who have ever lived in all of history and stacked them all up and multiplied them by a million, they wouldn't equal the merit, the virtue and the worth of one Mass. The Eucharistic sacrifice is Christ's infinite merit, infinite value.

(St. Teresa of Avila)

You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!

(St. Maximilian Kolbe)

With the Eucharist the intimacy becomes total; the embrace between God and man reaches its apex.

(St. Pope John Paul)

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

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

August 18:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

August 25:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

August 18:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Bill Ware

August 25:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

August 18:

11 a.m.

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

August 25:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

August 18:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Mary Roberson

August 25:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Joyce Edwards, Gail Smith

Lectors

August 18:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Dave Stein,

11 a.m.

Lester Freeman, Pam Franklin

August 25

9 a.m.

Barbara Wright, John Heatherman

11 a.m.

Mark Patel, Pam Franklin

Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.

Robert Johnson (lead usher) David Stein, Willa Green, Yolanda and James Roper, Stan Carlross

11 a.m.

Robin Walker (lead usher), Reggie Lee, Ron Garvin, Rob Harris, Marilyn Tribble, Bill Ware

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 -- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Along with its profound sacramental impact, the presence of wine at the Eucharistic table can also serve as a reminder of those people who struggle with alcohol consumption.

Binge drinking and heavy alcohol use are just two of the ways that people abuse alcohol, issues that can have serious physical and mental health ramifications. Consider volunteering at a local Alcoholics Anonymous support group.



Church staff

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- *Mr. Dennis Edwards, Deacon*
- *Mrs. Shon Hubble, Music Minister*
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- *Mrs. Jean Brown, Receptionist (ext. 10)*
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- *Mrs. Gwen Dukes, President of St. Vincent dePaul*
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- *Mr. Reginald E. Lee, Grand Knight, Knights of Peter Claver, 513-652-7122*
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Two Anniversaries

In the fall of 2024, two important anniversaries will highlight the great contributions of African American Catholics in the Church. These anniversaries include: the 40th anniversary of the publication of "What We Have Seen and Heard," a pastoral letter published in 1984 by the six black American bishops and the 20th anniversary of the death of black liturgical pioneer Father Clarence Joseph Rivers of Cincinnati.

These anniversaries will be celebrated with two Masses, Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica Saint Peter in Chains. More details will be provided in future bulletins.

Back to School Prayers

For the Student

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Amen.

For the Teacher

Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May you be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that you have entrusted to them. Show them when they must discipline and when they can show mercy. Father, help them to depend totally on You, For You are the source of their strength, courage and peace. Amen

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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
 Cheeks, Newton
 Ford, Bernard
 Heatherman, Christine
 Irby, Frances
 Knight, Linda
 Menefield Family
 Reed, Margaret
 Walker, Shelly

Prayer for Vocations

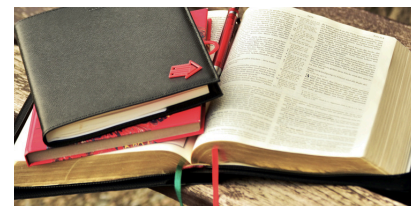
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your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

Sunday Collection for August 11, 2024

Sunday Collection	2040.00
myEOffering	388.04
Sunday Saints	200.00
Saving the Good	6025.00
Other	1040.00
St. Vincent DePaul	45.00
Total	9738.04

From the Archdiocese

Su Casa Hispanic Center Gala 2024: You are invited to "Shine the Light, Be the Light," Su Casa Hispanic Center's annual Gala Celebration. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 27, at the historic Bell Event Centre.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. and will include appetizers and drinks, followed by dinner, presentation, after party and dancing. The event will 'Shine the Light,' a beacon of empowerment, on the needs of the growing Hispanic/Latino community in Greater Cincinnati.

Su Casa Hispanic Center is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio. Sponsorship and ticket information can be found at <https://trellis.org/sucasa2024>.

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 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City. Celebrant: To be determined.
- Sunday, Sept. 8 at 11 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

Retrouvaille Program for Struggling Marriages: The Retrouvaille program is designed to help save marriages by offering hope and healing to married couples who are struggling with serious difficulties. It is structured in three phases, starting with a weekend led by married couples and a priest chaplain.

The techniques learned at the weekend are further developed during the second phase, which is a series of six successive Saturdays.

The final phase includes ongoing monthly small group gatherings with other couples who have attended the Retrouvaille program.

Interested couples should contact Mark & Nancy Kleespies at 513-382-5365 (Mark) or 513-706-2779 (Nancy).

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. Volunteers are needed to pick up furniture and set up housing, as well as mentor refugee youth. For more information, 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.

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- Fun + games for all ages



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OF FAITHS

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- Large number of exhibitors + vendors

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