

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 25: Twenty-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: Anonymus

Monday, August 26: Monday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time: *2 Thessalonians 1:15, 11-12; Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; John 10:27; Matthew 23:13-22*

Tuesday, August 27: Memorial of Saint Monica: *2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 23:23-26*

Wednesday, August 28: Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5; 1 John 2:5; Matthew 23:27-32*

Thursday, August 29: Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 5:10; Mark 6:17-29*

Friday, August 30: Friday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time: *1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Luke 21:36; Matthew 25:1-13*

Saturday, August 31: Saturday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; John 13:34; Matthew 25:14-30*

Sunday, September 1: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; James 1:18; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Charles Hooten (SI)
By: Linda Knight
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Tammie Robinson (AD)
By: Shirley Robinson
For: Virginia Douglas (AD)
By: Pat Spaulding

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.



Come have a snack with St Joseph St Vincent de Paul conference team and learn about how to be a part of this ministry.

St Vincent de Paul Society needs you. Many neighbors need help and St Vincent DePaul needs volunteers like you. This ministry is very rewarding. The Date is September 15th after 9am and 11:00 mass.

Gwen Dukes is SVDP Conference President. Contact Linda Knight 513-344-3907 for more information.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2024



To Whom Shall We Go?

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord

In life, we often face difficult choices and challenging paths. President John F. Kennedy, in his famous speech during the early 1960s, declared, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard..." This sentiment resonates deeply within our human experience. We are drawn to challenges because they push us to grow, to transcend our limits, and to achieve what seems impossible. Consider the modern example of athletes training for the Olympics, dedicating years of their lives to the pursuit of excellence, not because it is easy, but because the struggle itself is meaningful. This tendency to take on hard tasks is intrinsic to our nature and reflects a deeper spiritual truth.

Last week's Gospel reading from John presented Jesus explaining the profound doctrine of the real presence of Jesus Christ found in the Eucharist. This teaching, central to our Catholic faith, was and is difficult for many to accept, causing some of his disciples of that day to turn away.

The hurdle of this teaching continues to be a point of division among Christians today, as evidenced by the various Protestant denominations who do not share this belief. The assertion that Jesus is truly present in the

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Liturgical Ministries for Aug. 25 and Sept. 1

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.

Eucharist - not merely symbolically, but actually - is a challenging but fundamental concept.

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, and his words about eating his flesh and drinking his blood are not meant to be taken metaphorically. Jesus is not merely a prophet; he is the Son of God, and our relationship with him through the Eucharist is mystical and transformative. This relationship is essential for our salvation and participation in the life of heaven.

Belief in the real presence of the Eucharist is a core tenet of our Catholic faith. It is a belief that demands a deep, unwavering commitment. When Jesus asked his remaining twelve disciples if they also wanted to leave as the others did, Peter responded, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." This moment was pivotal, underscoring the profound truth that our faith is anchored in Jesus Christ, and that the Church, through the successor of Peter, our Pope, continues to proclaim this truth.

God has given us the gift of free will, and with that comes the responsibility to choose. As Catholics, we are called to embrace the teachings of Jesus, no matter how difficult. This includes the belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is a point of faith that we cannot negotiate or dilute. We accept it not *because it is easy, but because it is hard...and will make all the difference!*

In embracing the hard path of faith, we follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before us, recognizing that in the challenges we face, there are opportunities for growth and deeper communion with God. The Eucharist is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith, a mystery that draws us closer to the divine. It is our choice to accept this gift, to walk, perhaps, a more difficult path, and with this belief in our hearts and minds, we shall achieve eternal life.

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.

Acolytes

August 25:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

September 1:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

August 25:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

September 1:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Bill Ware

Catechists

August 25:

11 a.m.

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

September 1:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

August 25:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Joyce Edwards, Gail Smith

September 1:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Mary Roberson, Denise Stockstill

Lectors

August 25:

9 a.m.

Barbara Wright, John Heatherman

11 a.m.

Mark Patel, Pam Franklin

September 1

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Bob Sanker, Janelle Walton

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 -- Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Even the Son of God dealt with relationship issues, including with people in his close circle of disciples, Jesus' experience of betrayal may resonate with people who experienced betrayal at the hands of their family or friends after coming out as LGBTQ.

The roots of homophobia run deep. LGBTQ youth who face betrayal or rejection from family are at greater risk for suicide and other health problems. Reach out to a local LGBTQ resource center. See if there are ways you can support people who have experienced the pain of betrayal.



Church staff

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- *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, KPC 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*

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.

Confirmation classes

Are you ready for Confirmation St. Joseph parishioners who are baptized Catholics, who have already prepared for and celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation/Confession and Eucharist/First Communion, and who are at least 12 years of age by the celebration date of the confirmation, can prepare for the sacrament of confirmation in a parish-based preparation process. we are taking registrations now.

Holy Communion classes

First Holy Communion Spring 2025 Should you wish to have your child make his/her First Holy Communion we are taking registrations now. This is for children who are in the second grade, are at least seven years old, who have been baptized, and who regularly attend Mass. Also, children should be able to understand and be able to receive the Body of Christ with faith and devotion. Registration forms are available at the usher's table.

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.

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 18, 2024

Sunday Collection	3624.00
myEOffering	623.04
Sunday Saints	200.00
Saving the Good	100.00
Other	50.00
St. Vincent DePaul	210.00
Total	4807.04

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.

30th Anniversary

Cincinnati

Hispanic Fest

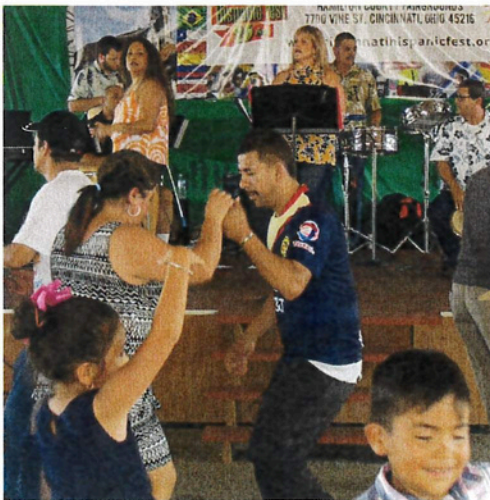
St.  **BONIFACE**
Catholic Church

Sunday, September 1, 2024 from 12PM to 10PM

For thirty years, St. Boniface Hispanic Fest honors Hispanic heritage with authentic Latin American cuisine, featuring live Latino music performed by local bands, ensuring an evening filled with dancing. With nearly 5,000 attendees joining us for this one-day festival, the celebration promises to be fun for all.



Join us!

Live music, dancing, food, games,
and fun for the whole family!



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