

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

# ***ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH***



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*Rev. Samuel Jacob, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar*

*Rev. Miguel Torres, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar*

*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, February 9:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11; Matthew 4:19 Luke 5:1-11

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Christine Heatherman (D)

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

By: Dick & Eileen Pope  
For: Carol Wiedner (SI)  
By: Maria Davis

**Monday, February 10:** Saint Scholastica, Virgin: Genesis 1:1-19; Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Matthew 4:23; Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 11:** Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time: Genesis 1:20-2:4a; 1 Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalm 119:36, 29b; Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 12:** Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29b-30; John 17:17b, 17a; Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 13:** Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time: Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; James 1:21b; Mark 7:24-30

**Friday, February 14:** Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius: Genesis 3:1-8; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Acts:14b; Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 15:** Saturday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time: Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Matthew 4:4b; Mark 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 16:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:23ab; Luke 6:17, 20-26

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes (SI)  
By: SJCC

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Paul Lockhart (AB)  
By: Leona Richardson

**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 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, 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.

Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
February 9, 2025



## Trusting the Divine Fisherman

My Brothers and Sisters  
in the Risen Lord,

Imagine this: a man stands in line at a coffee shop, scrolling through his phone. He orders his latte, only to grow visibly frustrated when it's not ready in under two minutes.

We've all been there, caught in the trap of expecting instant results, perfectly tailored to our desires.

This yearning for immediate gratification reflects a deeper truth about human nature: our frustration when life doesn't go our way and our struggle to trust when we can't see the outcome.

In Luke 5, we meet Simon Peter in a moment of similar frustration. After a night of fruitless fishing, he is tired, discouraged, and likely questioning his efforts.

This sets the stage for what writer-philosopher Peter Kreeft, in *Food for the Soul*, describes as six stages of the Christian life, beautifully unfolding in this scene.

1. The Need/Frustration. Simon Peter's empty nets symbolize our own unmet needs and unanswered prayers.

How often do we labor in vain, only to feel disheartened when our efforts fail to yield the results we want?

2. The Invitation to Trust. Enter Jesus, who instructs Peter to "put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

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The request likely sounded absurd to an experienced fisherman.

Yet, here lies the crux of faith: trusting in the wisdom of God, even when it contradicts our instincts.

3. A Positive Response. Peter's response, "At your word, I will lower the nets," marks a pivotal turning point.

Despite his doubts, he chooses to trust. Faith begins when our own understanding ends.

4. The Result of Trust. Peter's trust is met with overwhelming abundance.

The immense catch of fish reminds us of St. Teresa's words: "God will not be outdone in generosity."

When we entrust our lives to God, God answers in ways far beyond our imagination.

5. The Reaction of Humility. Peter falls at Jesus's feet, exclaiming, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

In the face of divine grace, Peter's humility shines.

True encounters with God reveal not only God's greatness but also our need for God.

6. The Call to Evangelize. Jesus reassures Peter, saying, "Do not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching men."

Peter's life is forever changed as he accepts the call to bring others into the net of God's kingdom.

Jesus's instruction to "put out into deep water" is a challenge to us all: to move beyond shallow faith and comfortable routines into the depths of trust and discipleship.

When we follow God's way, we discover it is always better than "doing it my way."

As Peter Kreeft notes, the saints' song is not self-reliance but surrender.

May we, like Simon Peter, trust in God's wisdom, respond to his call, and draw others into his boundless love.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Rudy

*Live Stream: Sunday Mass from our Website:  
[www.stjosephcincinnati.org](http://www.stjosephcincinnati.org)  
Every Sunday at 11 a.m. or watch the video at a later date.*

## Liturgical Ministries for Feb. 9 and Feb. 16

*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

#### February 9:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

#### February 16:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

### Announcers

#### February 9:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Bill Ware

#### February 16:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

### Catechists

#### February 9:

11 a.m.

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

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### February 9

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Gail Smith, Sharon Sanker

#### February 16:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Gail Smith, Mary Partee

### Lectors

#### February 9:

9 a.m.

Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright

11 a.m.

Bob Sanker, Janelle Walton

#### February 16:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, David Stein

11 a.m.

Chris Nachtrab, Edna McCoy

### 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](mailto:church@stjosephcincinnati.org)

# Parish/Community News

## *Liturgy and Life*

February is customarily observed as Black History Month in the United States.

This offers an opportunity to highlight what has often been neglected in history books and schools: the stories of African American women and men -- people like Sojourner Truth, Frederic Douglass, Crispus Attucks, and Rosa Parks.

Find out what programs, lectures, or cultural events are being offered in your community during February; commit to attending one or several of them with your family and friends.

Participate in discussion groups in your parish or neighborhood. This month-long celebration of history and culture can contribute to a dialogue among races that lasts all year.

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## *Fellowship and Black History Program*

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council/Court 363 will host fellowship Feb. 23. The group will present a Black History Program, in addition to the meal. Come dressed to impress as prizes will be awarded for the Best African Attire. Fellowship will begin immediately after the 11 am. Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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## *Holy Day Mass*

The Holy Day Mass for Ash Wednesday, March 5 will be held at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Please join us.

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## *Volunteer opportunities*

We need someone to update the parish website and provide content for the bulletin. Both require weekly updates. Training is available for updating the website. If you are interested in doing either or both, please contact the parish office.

We need people to help coordinate funerals and weddings. These events do not happen often but require a team to make them a true celebration of life and marriage. Training is available. Please contact the office to volunteer.

We need people to assist with sacramental recordkeeping. We need someone with clear/legible handwriting. The records are still maintained in handwritten form and will need to be legible for many years to come. Please contact the parish office to volunteer.

We need people with some tech skills to help with the livestream of the mass. We currently offer the livestream of the 11 AM mass weekly via YouTube. This ministry is important to our homebound parishioners. If you could commit to run the livestream of the Mass one Sunday a month, please stop by and see Ms. Lee Wilson.

We need a chairperson to lead us in setting up and running a black history program next month. Please call the parish office to offer your assistance.

**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](http://www.sacredheartradio.com).



## *Church staff*

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- *Rev. Samuel Yacob, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar*
- *Rev. Miguel Torres, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar*
- *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. Gayle Burton, Grand Lady, KPC Ladies Auxiliary: 513-301-8151*
- *Mr. Robert Harris, Grand Knight, Knights of Peter Claver, 513-807-8501*
- *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](http://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  
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  
Cowherd, Diane  
Robinson, Shirley

## Prayer List

Cheeks, Newton  
Irby, Frances  
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.)

## Beacons of Light Information

The Beacons of Light website remains the primary source of information about the pastoral planning process underway in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The website is: [www.pathway.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions](http://www.pathway.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-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](http://www.pathway.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions).  
Beacons of Light - Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## 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](http://www.stjosephcincinnati.org). Online giving has many benefits to our parish, especially during these difficult times. It is safe, secure and easy to manage.

## Sunday Collection February 2, 2025

Sunday Collection	3893.00
My Eoffering	2390.48
Sunday Saints	200.00
Christmas Appeal	25,170.00
St. Vincent dePaul	10.00
Other	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,668.48</b>

# From the Archdiocese

**Jubilee Year 2025:** *The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit <https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025> to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.*

**Parenting Education Classes:** *Need encouragement or support in learning new ways of relating to your children? Call Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio for information on our six-week Parenting Education Class that is offered every Monday (excluding holidays) via Zoom. Contact Patsy Bolden for more information at 513-867-7072 or [pbolden@ccswoh.org](mailto:pbolden@ccswoh.org).*

**Wedding Anniversary Certificates:** *Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? 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](mailto:cnc@catholicaoc.org).*

**Formation and Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** *Are you interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to serve at Mass or to the sick, hospitalized, or homebound? Formation and training will be offered by the archdiocese in the coming months in Cincinnati, Dayton, and online. Learn more and sign up at [www.catholicaoc.org/worship](http://www.catholicaoc.org/worship).*

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

**Help Local Refugees:** *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](http://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](mailto:gniehaus@littleflower-church.org) or at 513-541-5560 or 513-598-8880, or Deacon Dennis Edwards at [defirst@aol.com](mailto:defirst@aol.com) or at 513-741-3070.*

**Connected Through Christ:** *Connected Through Christ is a group for parents of children that suffer from gender dysphoria. Parents meet to share and discuss experiences regarding our children who say that they are transgender. The core values of Connected Through Christ are based on a Christian understanding of male and female as articulated in Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are held twice a month at a Cincinnati east side parish. Email [cincycctc@yahoo.com](mailto:cincycctc@yahoo.com) if you are interested in joining the group.*

St. Joseph Financial Snapshot	Income	YTD Expenses	YTD Income/ Expense Variance	Annual Budget	YTD Income/ Budget Variance
January Offertory	25,788				
January Other Income	6,566				
Year to Date 7/1/24-1/31/25	233,027	228,840	4,187+	336,350	103,323

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### 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

We thank everyone who has participated in the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese, so please be as generous as you can. For more information or to donate online, please visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!

In 2025, the theme for Black History Month is "African Americans and Labor," focusing on the diverse ways Black people have contributed to the workforce throughout history, encompassing both skilled and unskilled labor, from building the nation's infrastructure to the ongoing struggles for economic justice and fair treatment in the workplace; this theme highlights the significant role of Black labor in shaping American society and the importance of collective action in achieving equality.

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# Walk up Produce Pantry

2nd Tuesday of every month



Catholic Charities  
Southwestern Ohio  
Serve | Engage | Empower

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 745 Ezzard Charles Dr.**

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

**Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11:00-1:00pm**

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11:00-1:00pm**

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11:00-1:00pm**

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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