

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS:

Sunday: 10:00 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 8: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; John 8:12; Matthew 5:13-16

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Sandy Schaffer (D)
By: SJCC Family
For: Jeffrey Julius (AD)
By: Shirley Robinson

Monday, February 9: Monday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10; Matthew 4:23; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10: Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3, 4-5 and 10, 11; Psalm 119:36, 29b; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11: Wednesday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; John 17:17b, 17a; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12: Thursday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; James 1:21bc; Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 13: Friday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Acts 16:14b; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14: Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalm 106:6-7 ab, 19-20, 21-22; Matthew 4:4b; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 15: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 11:25; Matthew 5:17-37; Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Diane Blaire (D)
By: SJCC Family

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.

The Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026



Salt and Light Missionaries

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

As Catholics and as Christians, most of us sincerely desire to live our faith well. We attend Mass, pray for those we love, and try to act with kindness and integrity.

Yet many of us hesitate when it comes to seeing ourselves as active missionaries of Christ in the world.

Instead, we sometimes wait for others to take the lead.

We look outward, hoping for a dynamic pope, an inspiring priest, a heroic saint, or an especially gifted layperson to step forward and restore what feels broken in our society and even within the Church itself.

Today, on the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus gently but firmly redirects our gaze.

In the Gospel from Matthew, he does not speak only to religious leaders or to a select few.

He speaks to all who are listening and says, "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world." Not someone else.

Not the more eloquent, the more outgoing, or the seemingly holier among us.

Jesus looks at ordinary people, people like you and me, and entrusts us with an extraordinary mission.

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Liturgical Ministries for Feb. 8 and 15

Salt and light are simple elements, yet they are powerful. Salt preserves and enhances flavor but only when it is shared.

Light dispels darkness but only when it shines outward. Neither exists for its own sake.

In the same way, our faith comes alive when it is poured out for others through compassion, integrity, generosity, and quiet acts of service.

When we live this way, the presence of Christ becomes visible in the world through us.

Jesus tells us that a lamp is not meant to be hidden under a basket.

It is placed on a stand so that it can give light to all in the house.

Each of us carries a light that is meant to be seen, not for our own praise, but so that others may glimpse the goodness of God at work.

A word of encouragement, a willingness to forgive, a commitment to serve, or the courage to stand for what is right can become a small but powerful flame that changes a life.

In our own time and in our own local Church, we are being invited to think differently and to embrace new ways of living and working together.

Programs and structures may change, but the heart of the Gospel remains the same.

Christ calls us to participate, to engage, and to trust that when we do, our lives and our communities will be transformed.

When we choose to be salt and light, we discover that God works through our willingness in ways we could never have imagined.

Saint Francis of Assisi once said, *"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."*

That candle is already within you. Let it shine.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

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

Feb. 8:
10 a.m. Ron Hitzler, Liz Berry

Feb. 15:
10 a.m. Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

Announcers

Feb. 8:
10 a.m. Mike McCoy

Feb. 15:
10 a.m. Mike McCoy

Catechists

Feb. 8:
10 a.m. Lead Catechists: Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton, Mark Patel

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 8:
10 a.m. Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

Feb. 15:
10 a.m. Reggie Lee, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

Feb. 8
10 a.m. Bob Sanker, Lester Freeman

Feb. 15:
10 a.m. Chris Nachtrab, Edna McCoy

Ushers' Roster

Robert Johnson and Robin Walker (lead ushers), David Stein, Willa Green, Yolanda and James Roper, Stan Carlross, Reggie Lee, Ron Garvin, Rob Harris, Marilyn Tribble, Bill Ware

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 have a special announcement to share, please call the Parish Office or send your news tchurch@stjosephcincinnati.org

Parish/Community News

Liturgy and Life

There is a hidden danger in today's Gospel. The depiction of disciples - you are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world - can become too familiar. It can become too easy to congratulate ourselves for past good deeds that give glory to God. It is our task to let our light shine before others, not to describe it to them. Read the words of Isaiah again, asking yourself how your light might rise in the darkness. Contemplate which needs of the world God is calling you to respond to. Call an agency in your community that does this work and ask what their most immediate needs are. Are the needs something you can fulfill? Could you ask people in your life to help you? One gift of light is that it illuminates the path for others to follow.

Ash Wednesday

The Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 6 p.m. Feb. 18. Plan to join us.

Black History Program

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary will host a black history program and provide a meal on Sunday, February 22nd immediately following mass. Plan to wear your African attire and join us in Fr. Rivers Hall for the program.

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Joseph will host Lenten fish fry fundraisers: February 20th, March 6th and March 20th. Dinners will consist of two pieces of fish, bread, two sides for \$15. Desserts and drinks will be sold separately. Please join us for fellowship and good food.

Installation of Our New Pastor

Our Lady of Guadalupe Family of Parishes joyfully announces the installation of Rev. Louis Okot, MCCJ, as our new Pastor. The Rite of Installation will take place during Mass on March 15, 2026, at St. Boniface Church. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in prayer and to welcome Fr. Louis as he begins his ministry among us.

2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Robert Casey sends his thanks to everyone from St. Joseph Parish who has pledged to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the back of Church for your convenience this weekend. To make an online donation, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

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The Holy Family

Church staff

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at 513-381-4526
Fax number: 513-381-5244
Email: church@stjosephcincinnati.org

- Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira-Hilaje, MCCJ, Pastor (aka Father Rudy)
- Mr. Dennis Edwards, Deacon
- Mrs. Shon Hubble, Music Minister
- Ms. Mary Roberson, Business Manager (ext. 13)
- Mrs. Jean Brown, Receptionist (ext. 10)
- Mrs. Dionne Johnson, Parish Council chairperson
- 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
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
Hogue, Susie: Hillebrand Nursing & Rehab center
Hurst, Rev. Paul: Bayley Place
Richards, Kathy: Chamberlain Healthcare
Royston, Patty: Clovernook
Foster-Waller, Alberta: Mercy Health West Park

Homebound/Sick; shut-ins

Edwards Joyce
Hill, Hestella
Mason, Pam
Moye, Claudia
Randolph, Mary Ann
Cowherd, Diane
Robinson, Shirley
Jones, Emma

Prayer List

Cheeks, Newton
Irby, Frances
Menefield Family
Reed, Margaret
Walker, Shelly
Monika Cure

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.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. 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: 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.catholicac.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions.org/Beacons-of-Lights Beacons of Light - Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Sunday Collection Feb. 1, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$4,099.00
E-Offering	\$1,186.08
St. Vincent dePaul	\$20.00
Sunday Saints	\$400.00
Other	\$1,328.00
Total	\$7,033.08

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.

This QR code will take you to site to create an account to make electronic donations to St. Joseph Catholic Church.



From the Archdiocese

Come and See Live-in Weekend at the Josephinum Seminary: March 20-22 the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus will be hosting a “Come and See” live-in weekend for young men interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general. The live-in includes presentations on community life and seminary formation. If you are interested, contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Michael Willig, at vocations@catholicaoc.org or 513.263.3390.

Young Adult Adoration and Social Event: Mount St. Mary’s seminarians and Queen City Catholic invite all young adults to join us for an evening of Adoration, prayer teams, music, the opportunity for Confession, and a social with beverages, food, and fellowship on Friday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. at St. Monica-St. George Parish Newman Center.

Archbishop Casey to celebrate Irish Mass March 15: Archbishop Robert Casey will celebrate the annual Mass honoring our Irish forebears (and his) on Sunday, March 15, 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. The Mass will be preceded at 9:45 a.m. by a prelude by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick glee club, will feature a processional with bagpipes and other Irish instruments, and will be followed by refreshments and additional songs by the glee club in the undercroft.

Follow and Pray with Archbishop Robert Casey: Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at:

- Instagram: @archbishopcasey
- Facebook: [facebook.com/archbishopcasey](https://www.facebook.com/archbishopcasey)

Catholic Day at Great American Ball Park on Sept. 5, 2026: Save the date for the second annual Catholic Day at Great American Ballpark will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will host the Milwaukee Brewers that evening. More details will be announced soon.

2026 Catholic Redhawk Gala on May 2, 2026: Save the date for the second annual Catholic Redhawk Gala benefitting the Catholic Newman Center at Miami University. Be part of the exciting work of campus ministry at Miami! Join us Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Shriver Center on campus. For more information, visit CatholicRedhawk.com.

Consider Lay Missionary Ministry: There are dozens of Catholic lay missionary programs seeking volunteers ages 17-75 for short or long term to serve in the U.S.A. or overseas. For more information, contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office director, Dr. Mike Gable, at mgable@catholicaoc.org. You can check out: <https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/begin/>.

Food for All: Nutritious, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Highland Counties. Interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator at 513-672-3720 or email ahoak@ccswoh.org.

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 via Zoom. Contact Patsy Bolden at 513-867-7072 or pbolden@ccswoh.org.

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 household items. Volunteers are needed to pick up furniture and set up housing. For information, visit www.ccswoh.org or call our office at 513-241-7745.



Dr. Gladys West and the Creation of GPS

Dr. Gladys West, a Black mathematician born in 1930 in rural Virginia, played a critical role in developing the mathematical models that became the foundation for the Global Positioning System (GPS). Her work with complex for algorithms allowed for precise calculations of the Earth’s shape, which directly enabled the GPS technology we rely on today for navigation, mapping, and even smartphone apps.

For decades, her contribution went largely unrecognized, but in 2018 she was inducted into

the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame. Without her groundbreaking work, everyday tools like Google Maps, ride-sharing apps, and even military navigation systems would not exist in the form we know them. Dr. West passed away January 17, 2026 at the age of 95 in Virginia. Rest in Power!

Walk up Produce Pantry

with fresh Fruits and Vegetables

2nd Tuesday of every month

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 745 Ezzard Charles Dr.



Catholic Charities
Southwestern Ohio

Serve | Engage | Empower

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

Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 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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