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, March 1: *Second Sunday of Lent: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:5; Matthew 17:1-9*

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Gregory Thompson (AD)
By: Mary Partee
For: Juanita Robinson (AB)
By: Shirley Robinson

Monday, March 2: *Monday of the 2nd Week of Lent: Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79;8, 9, 11 and 13; John 6:63c, 68c; Luke 6:36-38*

Tuesday, March 3: *Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Lent: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Ezekiel 18:31; Matthew 23:1-12*

Wednesday, March 4: *Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Lent: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6,14, 15-16; John 8:12; Matthew 20:17-18*

Thursday, March 5: *Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 8:15; Luke 16:19-31*

Friday, March 6: *Friday of the 2nd Week of Lent: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; John 3:16; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*

Saturday, March 7 *Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:18; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

Sunday, March 8: *Third Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:42, 15; John 4:5-42*

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Louise Tubbs (AD)
By: Edna McCoy
For: Karen Davis (D)
By: Mary Partee

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.

† St. Vincent de Paul Society of
Neighbors helping neighbors®

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 Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Transfiguration of the Lord

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

As we celebrate the second week of our Lenten season, it is significant for us to understand and reflect on Matthew's Gospel today — The Transfiguration of Our Lord, a scene in Scriptures, which presents the promise to come and a guide to the conclusion of our Lenten journey.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ strengthens our hope because Jesus will soon triumph over sin and death and be raised in the fullness of God's magnificence.

Do you know what the word transfiguration means?

Transfiguration derives from the Latin root words trans (across) and figura (form, shape).

On what is believed to be Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John witness Jesus' dazzling presence, "his face [shining] like the sun and his clothes {becoming] white as light," for them to understand he is the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the Law, and aligns himself with the great prophets and figures of the past such as Moses and Elijah.

Although the apostles were poised to have everything remain the same, they are presented in this moment — the realization that the Kingdom, embodied in Christ himself, through his death and resurrection, is the hope and glory for us all.

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The experience of the Transfiguration is meant to foreshadow Jesus' suffering, to strengthen the apostles' commitment and understanding that the hand of God is at work in all these events.

How thrilling, yet overwhelming, this experience must have been for these three men who had been traveling with Jesus along the roads of Galilee and beyond.

It was a human experience for them, despite witnessing the many miracles Jesus performed and his charismatic presence with others.

This moment, however, was of another sort, extremely spiritual and inexplicable in human terms.

Perhaps some of us have experienced some sublime moments in our lives that, in looking back, seemed deep with spirituality and momentum.

God may provide such moments to us at certain times — momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven — as special experiences of his grace that strengthen our faith.

Treasure them, and let them guide your path as you face the challenges of this life.

Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. Therefore it was fitting that He should show His disciples the glory of His clarity (which is to be transfigured), to which He will configure those who are His… By His loving foresight He allowed them to taste for a short time the contemplation of eternal joy, so that they might bear persecution bravely.
—Saint Thomas Aquinas

Yours in Christ,
Father Louis

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 March 1 and 8

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

March 1:
10 a.m. Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

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

Announcers

March 1:
10 a.m. Mike McCoy

March 8:
10 a.m. Mike McCoy

Catechists

March 1:
10 a.m. Lead Catechists: Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton, Mark Patel

Eucharistic Ministers

March 1:
10 a.m. Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

March 8:
10 a.m. Reggie Lee, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

March 1:
10 a.m. Bruce Seidel, Jan Seidel

March 8:
10 a.m. Pam Dyle, Bill Jefferson

Ushers' Roster

Robert Johnson and Robin Walker (lead ushers), David Stein, Willia Green, Yolanda and James Roper, Stan Carloss, 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 tchurch@stjosephcincinnati.org

Parish/Community News

Liturgy and Life

The transfiguration of Jesus, proclaimed early in Lent, offers a glimmer of hope during our season in the desert. It was the same for Peter, James and John.

They had just heard Jesus predict his passion for the first time. When we are in the thick our struggles, it can be nearly impossible to remember that God makes all this new. Like the apostles, we need consolation. Do you think they were better able to endure what was to come because they had seen Christ glorified? What moments of consolation and hope have you experienced in your life? What can you do to help someone who is struggling? Perhaps you could make a meal for a family who has suffered a loss or has a sick member.

Feast of St. Joseph

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 22nd at 10 a.m. Mass. Immediately after Mass we will share a meal in Fr. Rivers Hall. Please invite your family and friends to join us for Mass and the meal. All are welcome!

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Joseph will host Lenten fish fry fundraisers: 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.

Our New Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church joyfully welcomes are new pastor Rev. Louis Okot, MCCJ. Fr. Louis will celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, March 8th at 10 a.m. Mass.

We will have a meet and greet immediately following Mass. Please plan to join us for Mass and the reception.

Thank You!

We want to thank The Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary Council & Court 363 for the wonderful Black History Month Program they hosted last Sunday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy during mass. If you might be interested in helping support this important ministry, please contact Peggy Nachtrab 513-312-7841, cpnachtrab@yahoo.com. Thank you

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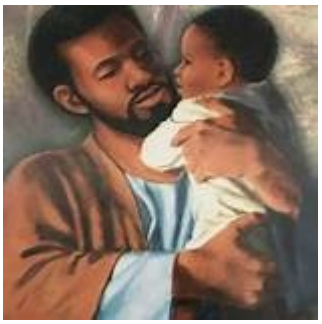

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- *Mrs. Gayle Burton, Grand Lady, KPC Ladies Auxiliary: 513-301-8151*
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- *SJCS Alumni Association: Mrs. Joan Smith Beason, 513-641-0763 or Mrs. Joyce Edwards, 513-281-0727*

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

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.)

Sunday Collection Feb. 22, 2026

Sunday Collection	*$2,018.00*
Ash Wednesday	*$85.00*
E-Offering	*$381.36*
St. Vincent dePaul	*$75.00*
Sunday Saints	*$200.00*
Other	*$2,503.00*
Total	***$5,262.36***

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.

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.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions. rg/Beacons-of-Lights Beacons of Light - Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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.*

Bethany Brunch: *The next Bethany Brunch will take place on Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Monica-St. George Parish Newman Center, Cincinnati featuring the Nashville Dominican Sisters. These gatherings are designed to support young women as they listen for God's call and to connect them with faithful religious sisters. RSVP link: https://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25.*

Solemn Vespers: *The Sacred Music Institute at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology will be hosting Solemn Vespers today and Sunday, March 22 in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great, each beginning with an organ recital at 6:30 p.m. followed by Solemn Vespers at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, April 12, MTSM will host its annual Eastertide Choral Mass, featuring an organ recital at 6:30 p.m. with Mass beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For more info, please visit www.athenaeum.edu/smi.*

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 and 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*

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.

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. 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.

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Dear Families,

The season of Lent presents us with an opportunity for reflec9on, repentance and renewal in prepara9on for the celebra9on of Easter.

Our community will par9cipate in CRS Rice Bowl as a way to share our Lenten prayers, fas9ng and almsgiving with our sisters and brothers in need both in our local community and in communi9es around the world.

Throughout these 40 days, we will encounter families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are building resilience in the face of adversity and helping their communi9es to thrive. Our dona9ons of Lenten alms to CRS Rice Bowl help make these stories of hope possible. We also help families in our local community as 25% of every dona9on stays in our diocese to fight hunger and poverty.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources for daily reflec9on throughout the liturgical season. Consider these sugges9ons in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fas9ng and almsgiving.
- Visit **crsricebowl.org** to read weekly Stories of Hope and watch the accompanying videos.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes from **crsricebowl.org/recipes** to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to share in solidarity with our global family.

CRS Rice Bowl is one way we can answer Jesus' invita9on to share bread for life with others. During this holy season, may your Lenten journey be a transforma9ve and enriching experience as you put your faith into ac9on for our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need.