

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

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



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*Rev. Louis Okot, MCCJ, Pastor  
Deacon Dennis Edwards  
Mrs. Shon Hubble, MM, Music Ministry*

**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, June 7:** *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:*

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51*

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Alonzo Berry (AD)  
By: Elizabeth Berry  
For: Zelina Tamara King (SI)  
By: Stein Family  
For: Juanita Robinson (AD)  
By: Shirley Robinson

**Monday, June 8:** *Monday of the 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 17:1-6; Psalm 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Matthew 5:12a; Matthew 5:1-12*

**Tuesday, June 9:** *Tuesday of the 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 5:16; Matthew 5:13-16*

**Wednesday, June 10:** *Wednesday of the 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Psalm 25:4b, 5a; Matthew 5:17-19*

**Thursday, June 11:** *Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 13:34; Matthew 5:20-26*

**Friday, June 12:** *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:29ab; Matthew 11:25-30*

**Saturday, June 13:** *Saturday of the 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Psalm 119:36a, 29b; Matthew 5:33-37*

**Sunday, June 14:** *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5; Romans 5:6-11; Mark 1:15; Matthew 9:36; 10:8*

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Anita Manning (D)  
By: SJCC  
For: Margaret Reed (SI)  
By: Sandy Reed

**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 Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi Sunday June 7, 2026

### "This is my body" affirms our faith

My Brothers and Sisters  
in the Risen Lord,

Today we celebrate a major feast in our Church's liturgical calendar – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, otherwise known as Corpus Christi Sunday.

This feast originated in 1246 by Bishop Robert de Thorte of Liège, Belgium, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Carvillon.

In 1264 Pope Urban IV ordered the whole Church to observe this feast.

Each year we gather on the Sunday following Holy Trinity Sunday to commemorate the quintessence of our faith and its significance to our lives and to our eternal salvation.

Yes, we are a Eucharist-centered community who fully embraces Christ's message that we hear today in the Gospel of John: "... unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

This truth, this mystery of our faith, lies too deep for human language to define its enormity, yet it exemplifies our abiding love and relationship with our Lord. Jesus is the Living Bread and is this pure gift of grace that will satisfy our hungry hearts.

In his book, *Hear His Voice*, Father George Berwanger, a  
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Cincinnati priest now deceased, asserts the following:

“To be sure, [Jesus] sends us his Spirit as his first gift to those who believe, to complete his work on earth and bring us to the fullness of grace. . .

He sent us his Spirit to remind us of all he had taught us – he left us his Body to remind us of all he had brought to us – to remind us of himself: ‘Do this in memory of me.’

‘You do not possess the Spirit of Christ,’ wrote St. Augustine, ‘unless you possess also the Body of Christ.’”

At every Mass and in our sacraments, we affirm our faith in this foundational belief:

“This is my body,” through which we are healed and sustained by the spiritual food of Jesus Christ.

I am reminded of the Anima Christi, as I wish for you today the continuing blessings of Jesus Christ.

“Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds conceal me. Do not permit me to be parted from you. From the evil foe protect me. At the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to you, to praise you with all your saints for ever and ever. Amen.”

*Live Stream: Sunday Mass  
from our Website:  
www.stjosephcincinnati.org  
Every Sunday at  
10 a.m. or watch the video  
at a later date.*

## Liturgical Ministries for June 7 and 14

*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***

**June 7:**  
10 a.m. Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

**June 14:**  
10 a.m. Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

### **Announcers**

**June 7:**  
10 a.m. Mike McCoy

**June 14:**  
10 a.m. Mike McCoy

### **Catechists**

**June 7:**  
10 a.m. Lead Catechist: Peggy  
Nachtrab

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**June 7:**  
10 a.m. Vanessa Rozier, Reggie Lee

**June 14:**  
10 a.m. Dave Stein, Edna McCoy

### **Lectors**

**June 7:**  
10 a.m. George Kinley, John Heatherman

**June 14:**  
10 a.m. Bill Jefferson, Pam Dyle

### **Ushers' Roster**

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

# Parish/Community News

## *Liturgy and Life*

So much about being Christian is about inexorable commitment, and nothing demonstrates that as starkly as the Eucharistic meal.

Too often we forget that this commitment inevitably involves some sacrifice.

How do you love out the Eucharistic sacrifice in the word?



## *Church staff*

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- Ms. Mary Roberson, Business Manager (ext. 13)
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- 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



## *Announcement from Archbishop Casey*

Effective July 1, 2026, St. Joseph Parish will move from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Family of Parishes to the Cathedral Basilica Family of Parishes.

Fr. Jan Schmidt, rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, will become your canonical pastor and Fr. Len Wenke will be appointed to serve as your Moderator for Pastoral Care.

The full announcement is available at the usher's table or from the parish office.

## *Senior Luncheon and Bingo*

The next Senior Luncheon and Bingo will be held on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in Father Rivers Hall immediately following 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church. All are welcome to join our seniors for a time of food, fellowship and fun.

**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).

## *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  
 Edwards, Stephanie: Glendale Place  
 Nursing Home  
 Hogue, Susie: Hillebrand Nursing &  
 Rehab center  
 Hurst, Rev. Paul: Bayley Place  
 Richards, Kathy: Chamberlain Healthcare  
 Royston, Patty: Clovernook

## Homebound/Sick; shut-ins

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

## Prayer List

Checks, Newton  
 Irby, Frances  
 Kinley Jr., Lawrence  
 Menefield Family  
 Reed, Margaret  
 Walker, Shelly  
 Reed, Sandy

## 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](http://www.pathway.catholicac.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions.org/Beacons-of-Lights-Beacons-of-Light-Archdiocese-of-Cincinnati).

## Sunday Collection May 31, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$2396.00
E-offering	\$378.00
Sunday Saints	\$200.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$25.00
Other	\$28.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3027.00</b>

## 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.

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



# From the Archdiocese

**Evening Prayer with Archbishop Casey for Synod 2027:** Please join Archbishop Robert G. Casey and other members of the faithful at Evening Prayer for the opening convocation of Synod 2027 on the occasion of the 205th Anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati - Friday, June 19, 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church (6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH 45459). Reception to follow. RSVP is not required.

**Become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Formation and training for new and veteran extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will take place this spring. Some sessions will focus on ministry to the sick, hospitalized, and homebound, and all sessions will prepare you to serve as an EMHC. You can find more information and register at [www.catholicaoc.org/worship](http://www.catholicaoc.org/worship).

**40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration Family Retreat:** “The Eucharist is Our Peace and Unity.” To help parish families grow more in love with the Eucharist, there will be 40 Hours of Adoration at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio, June 5-7, 2026. Join us for Mass, confession, prayer, and teachings by Fr. Michael Willig and Deacon Tracy Jamison. Family and individual dorm rooms, some shared meals, and games will all be available. Cost: a donation of your choosing. Go to [presentationministries.com](http://presentationministries.com) for details and registration.

**Verso L'Alto Track Club:** Verso l'Alto Track Club is a seminarian led initiative, sponsored by the archdiocese Vocations Office, to build a competitive Catholic men's run club in the Greater Cincinnati area. Inspired by the life of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, the club seeks to combine the pursuit of excellence in running and in faith. With over 30 members, the club meets for weekly run, competes in local races, and comes together periodically for intentional faith-based activities such as Mass, Adoration, or talks. For more information, go to <https://versolaltotc.wixsite.com/verso>.

**Verso L'Alto Summer XC Race Challenge:** On August 7, the Verso l'Alto Track Club and the archdiocese Vocations Office will be hosting the Verso l'Alto Summer XC Challenge, a two-mile race specifically featuring our Catholic high schools. The schedule will include High School Boys and Girls Races, as well as a Men's/Women's Open. Located at Corwin Nixon Park in Mason. Race website and registration can be found at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Mason/VersoLAltoSummerXCChallenge>. Contact David Admits at [atadamitisdavid@gmail.com](mailto:atadamitisdavid@gmail.com) for more details.

**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://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.

**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](mailto:mgable@catholicaoc.org). You can check out: <https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/begin/>.

**Share Your Experience:** Have you ever cared for a loved one with chronic illness or disability? Do you wish someone would have shared with you all the things you had to learn the hard way from your experience? Bring hope to those in need by volunteering with our Caregiver Assistance Network programs. We offer a monthly new volunteer training for Peer Mentors and Support Group Facilitators. We also have our annual leader training for Powerful Tools for Caregivers scheduled June 11-12, 2026. For more information, please contact Angie Homoele at 513-672-3834 or email [can@ccswoh.org](mailto:can@ccswoh.org).

# Hamilton Co. Food for All

with fresh fruits and vegetables

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, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm**

**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm**

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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

Made possible by Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, Freestore Foodbank,  
Anthem strong support of St. Joseph Catholic Church and volunteers.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## WEST END BRADY BLOCK PARTY

JUN 21, 2026 | SUN 6:30 PM (CONCERT AT  
8 PM) | EZZARD CHARLES PARK

FREE

### What's Interesting

Brady Block Parties are **FREE** outdoor community events and all are welcome! Enjoy music and art activations, activities for all ages, giveaways and a variety of **FREE food options from neighborhood vendors and food trucks**, plus a popcorn and cotton candy machine. You're also welcome to pack your own picnic! The party is capped off with an outdoor concert by the **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra**. Special guest artists and music to be announced soon!

Food: *Best Thing Smokin'*

El Cardenal Taqueria

Artists: John Morris Russell, conductor; Michael Precacely, vocalist; Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra