

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, July 12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23; Matthew 13:1-9

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Rev. Jan Schmidt (SI)
By: SJCC
For: Rev. Len Wenke (SI)
By: SJCC

Monday, July 13: Monday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Matthew 5:10; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 14: Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin: Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Psalm 95:8; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 15: Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Psalm 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Matthew 11:25; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 16: Thursday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Psalm 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Matthew 11:28; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 17: Friday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; John 10:27; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18: Saturday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time: Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, July 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 11:25; Matthew 13:24-43; Matthew 13:24-30

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

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

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2026

How do you keep our Lord close at hand?

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

We live in a complex world, yet if you think about it, all human history has been filled with distractions, upheavals, and confusion; it is the nature of what surrounds us in each moment of time — it often seems so hard (doesn't it?), as it was and is for mankind throughout history.

During Jesus's lifetime and ministry, Scripture tells us that bystanders were intrigued by his miracles and teachings, but on many occasions, bystanders rejected him outright.

His message of faith, hope, and love did not resonate with them because it was not what they were expecting to hear. They turned their heads and hearts away from him because their brains were hot-wired to accept only what they had been told years before his birth.

Their kingdom of God was not the kingdom Jesus was describing to them, and thus, they could not assimilate or even understand his message. Can you not think of times in your own life when you ignored an idea because of your preconceived notions and prejudices?

On this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus describes for his observers a story about the Kingdom of God using a simple narrative, featuring a sower of grain and the seeds he plants upon the earth.

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This story is called a parable, a means of communication Jesus used throughout his life for the purpose of comparison, using concepts recognized by his audience to explain a deeper truth or a tenet of his ministry.

A parable is a revelation through illustration so that an audience might unknowingly begin to accept a message from a simple expression of everyday life.

In this example the sower (God) plants his seeds (the message) upon the earth (us), and these seeds will grow, ultimately, only on fertile and committed ground.

In this parable seeds are thwarted by birds (those who hear but are unfocused and lose the message), rocky ground (those who are initially enthusiastic but give up when times are difficult), or an overgrowth of thorns (those who are overwhelmed and thus consumed by earthly pursuits).

Today and in our past, communicators in all forms of media have been employing the genre of parables to communicate a truth or a noble idea to an audience. From Aesop's fables to Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales to Walt Disney's cartoons to George Orwell's or C. S. Lewis' seminal novels to Arthur Miller's plays to 60s folk singers' ballads to Stephen Spielberg's ET and other films, creatives often use simple stories to bring truth to life.

My question today is this: what simple yet creative methods do you use to keep our Lord close at hand and the main character in your unique storyline?

Yours in Christ,
Father Len

*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 July 12 and 19

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

July 12:

10 a.m.

Kenneth King, Ron Hitzler

July 19:

10 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

Announcers

July 12:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

July 19:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

July 12:

10 a.m.

Lead Catechist: Peggy
Nachtrab

Eucharistic Ministers

July 12:

10 a.m.

Reggie Lee, Mary Richardson

July 19:

10 a.m.

Sharon Sanker, Denise Stockstill

Lectors

July 12:

10 a.m.

Dave Stein, Anne Shaffer

July 19:

10 a.m.

Bruce Seidel, Jan Seidel

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

Parish/Community News

Liturgy and Life

Isaiah speaks of God's Word and action among the Israelites: God's Word goes forth and creates the deeds that he speaks, and all creation yields to God's intention. Our knowledge of the kingdom of heaven gives us hope in God's promise. How will you carry that hope forward this week? Let your hope in God become fruitful action: Plant a hopeful seed in someone who needs it, by an encouraging word or act.

People of Hope Museum

Join us in celebrating stories of hope. Step inside the People of Hope Museum, a nationwide storytelling experience that brings to life more than 40 powerful video stories of neighbors helping neighbors through Catholic Charities agencies.

The museum is an immersive, retrofitted tractor-trailer museum, free and open to the public. The tour is coming to Cincinnati Thursday, July 16th 1-7 p.m. and Friday, July 17th 3-6 p.m. at the Freedom Way in front of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The event is hosted by Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio.

Senior Luncheon and Bingo

Mark your calendar: this Sunday, August 9 and September 13 immediately following mass. All are welcome to join our seniors during this time of fun, food and fellowship. Senior Luncheon and Bingo is scheduled for the second Sunday each month.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peterspence.

Pancake Cook-off Fund-raiser

The men of the Knights of Peter Claver are looking for five contestants to compete, showcase their talents and battle for the Pancake Champion Trophy July 19, 2026. To register or for more information, please contact any Knight from the Knights of Peter Claver today.

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.



Church staff

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- Rev. Jan Schmidt, Pastor
- Rev. Len Wenke, Pastoral Care
- 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

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
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.rg/Beacons-of-Lights Beacons of Light - Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Sunday Collection July 5, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$2214.00
E-offering	\$150.00
Sunday Saints	\$200.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$3.00
Other	\$63.00
Total	\$2630.00

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

Ladies of Charity Treasure Mart: On Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Cincinnati Chapter of Ladies of Charity will host its 45th annual Treasure Mart at St. Gertrude Parish Center, 6543 Miami Avenue, Madeira. All funds raised provide critical support to the neediest of our neighbors throughout the archdiocese. Buyers will find great bargains, just in time for back-to-school shopping!

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.

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 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

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. 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 Homocelle at 513-672-3834 or email can@ccswoh.org.

Positive Parenting Skills Program: Join this 6-week parenting series offered through Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, which is designed to strengthen family relationships and reduce everyday challenges. Learn positive discipline, boost your child's confidence, manage stress, and gain practical tools you can use at home right away. Because confident parents raise confident kids! Zoom classes are held each Monday evening all year round (excluding holidays). Email Patsy Bolden at pbolden@ccswoh.org for more information

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Financial Report
Joyful Living & Grateful Giving

	<u>Jul 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026</u>	<u>Full Year Budget*</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income	Actual	Needed	
Collections - Sun & Hol	212,295	217,349	98%
Christmas Appeal	38,275	37,610	102%
Fund-raisers	47,556	75,120	63%
Designated to Roof Replacement	40,600		
Social Action	16,250	16,000	102%
Other Income	24,121	27,040	89%
Total Income	<u>379,097.00</u>	<u>373,119</u>	<u>102%</u>

*The full year is 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026. The "Actual" column reports income from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Matthew 6:21

Congratulations to the St. Joseph Catholic Church family for exceeding our income goal for the past fiscal year. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures.

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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, July 14th, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, September 8th, 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,
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