

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 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

Monday, July 20: Monday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Psalm 95:8; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21: Tuesday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 14:23; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22: Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene: Song of Songs 3:1-4b; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, July 23: Thursday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Matthew 11:25; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 24: Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Luke 8:15; Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25: Feast of Saint James, Apostle: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; John 15:16; Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday, July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-28, 129-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 11:25; Matthew 13:44-52; Matthew 13:44-46

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Tammie Robinson (AB)
By: Shirley Robinson

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2026

Living Kingdom of Heaven now

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

The kingdom of heaven is not only the promise of life eternal. It is a kingdom lived now if we follow the way of the Lord. The Lord plants love in our hearts to be nourished and strengthened. This love allows us to be agents of God's mercy and justice in this time and place. One might say, we are kingdom builders.

As you think about building the kingdom of heaven, where might you grow in patience? How do you offer forgiveness? Are there times when it is difficult for you to accept God's patience or forgiveness?

The parable of the sower and the weeds in Matthew's Gospel [Matthew 13:24-43] guides us to consider patience in life, especially when it comes to dealing with difficult situations. This really seems like impractical action. Let the wheat and the weeds grow together. Yet this is God's way to show us His mercy in time. God is always ready to forgive.

Today's second reading from Romans [8: 26-27] "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings."

This provides us with an insight into how God assists us in prayer. God deals with us not as we deserve, but with patience and compassion.

The first reading from Wisdom [12:13, 16-19] praises God for the mercy God grants. This becomes evident in our Gospel passage.

God's desire is to have mercy on us, forgive us so we may have eternal life. Our work is to build as God calls us a kingdom of love.

Yours in Christ
Father Len

Sacraments of the Catholic Church

What is a sacrament?

Sacraments are outward signs of inward grace, instituted by Christ, for our sanctification.

According to the United States Council of Bishops their “visual reality is their outward expression, the form they take, and the way in which they are administered and received.

Alternately, their invisible reality goes far beyond the senses and these physical signs, so that individuals can receive the very life and holiness of God

The sacraments give us God’s help and grace and show Jesus’ presence in our lives.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, there are seven sacraments of the Church, organized into three categories: (1) Sacraments of Initiation that lay the foundation of Christian life – Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist; (2) Sacraments of Healing that celebrate the restorative power of Jesus – Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick; and (3) Sacraments of Service – Matrimony and Holy Orders.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, Christ instituted these sacraments to sanctify and nourish those who receive them worthily as part of the saving work of Christ. God shares his holiness with us, so we can make the world a better and more reverent place.

*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 19 and 26

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 19:

10 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

July 26:

10 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

Announcers

July 19:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

July 26:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

July 19:

10 a.m.

Lead Catechist: Peggy
Nachtrab

Eucharistic Ministers

July 19:

10 a.m.

Denise Stockstill, Sharon Sanker

July 26:

10 a.m.

Dave Stein, Mark Patel

Lectors

July 19:

10 a.m.

Bruce Seidel, Jan Seidel

July 26:

10 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Bob Sanker

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

We know and emulate Jesus, who loved and lived with sinners in order to bring them whole into the kingdom. This week deliberately choose to be charitable rather than judgmental in your thoughts and actions. Assist an organization that ministers to incarcerated people. What aspects of your life do you sit in judgment over? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray about these.

Sacramental Preparation

Are you or your child ready for Sacramental preparation?

We are taking registration for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA).

If so, please stop by the usher table and list your contact information on the registration list. We are also looking for teachers/assistance to lead and/or assist with the preparation classes.

Please consider giving your time to help further the Christian journey of others in our St. Joseph family.

New KPC Ladies

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 363 welcomes two new ladies into the Noble Order - Lady Camille Richardson and Lady Ronisha Hobbs. The initiation was held Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

Both ladies were recognized as continuing the family legacy since their mothers, Grand Lady Gayle Burton and Vice Grand Lady Mary Dixon-Richardson are already members.

Another initiation will likely be held in the fall so any ladies who are interested in becoming a members, can contact Grand Lady Burton or Membership Chairman Denise Stockstill or any KPC lady.

Senior Luncheon and Bingo

Mark your calendar: August 9 and September 13 and October 11 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.

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

Sunday Collection July 12, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$3566.00
E-offering	\$806.08
Sunday Saints	\$450.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$45.00
Other	\$428.00
Total	\$5295.08

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

Nominate an Outstanding Caregiver for Recognition: Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver - family members and friends, nurses and physicians, dietary staff and lab workers, social workers and home health aides, those who volunteer at healthcare facilities, retirement communities and in parishes. People from all faiths are welcome at the Masses. You can nominate an individual for this year's Mass and reception here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/q70NuT3gqf>, email nominations to can@ccswoh.org or call the Caregiver Assistance Network at 513-869-4483. All nominations are due by 9/25/26. The 22nd Annual Caregiver Mass is scheduled for November 22, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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.

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



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9th Annual
Sunday, August 2, 2026 · 1 – 5 PM
Cintas Center · Xavier University
Compassion Through Action: Unity in
Diversity

The 9th Annual Festival Reimagines the Interfaith Celebration with Immersive Experience Including an Exhibitor Village Exploring 30+ Faith Traditions

What's new this year?

This year's innovative experience invites guests of all ages to explore, taste, learn, and connect through music, art, food, and interactive activities in the shared, welcoming space of Xavier University's Cintas Center.

The festival is free and open to all and visitors can drop in at any time throughout the day, making the festival accessible to those

with varying schedules.