

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, August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Romans 9:1-5; Psalm 130:5; Matthew 14:22-33

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Eurice Vincent (SI)
By: Anonymous
For: Ruby Dowdy (SI)
By: Anonymous

Monday, August 10: Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; John 8:12; John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11: Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin: Ezekiel 2:8--3:4; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Matthew 11:29; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12: Wednesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13: Thursday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalm 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Psalm 119:135; Matthew 18:21--19:1

Friday, August 14: Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Ezekiel 16:59-63; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:28; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 4:23; Matthew 15:21-28

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Elizabeth Caulton (AD)
By: Mary Partee
For: Marcella Hill (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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2026

Finding the presence of God in silence

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

At a time of deep distress and fear, Elijah goes to a cave that connects him again with the roots of the covenant.

The covenant with the Holy One of Israel. Notice that God is not found in crushing wind or a quaking earth. Rather, in the "tiny whispering sound" or sheer silence,

Elijah finds the presence of God. Reacting to this moment, he covers his face and stands still.

This encounter enriched his life as he continues his mission.

Sometimes it is difficult for us to quiet ourselves enough to hear the voice of God.

It is truly an intentional activity. Notice that Jesus dismissed the crowds and went to the mountain alone to pray in silence.

For most of us, it means setting our phones aside. Silence in a crowded and busy world can easily be intimidating because we are not used to it.

We learn in our Gospel passage how Jesus quiets the storm.

He invited Peter on to the water. He calls on him to step out with courage.

Take comfort in Jesus' words to his disciples and Peter, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." The Lord is always present in our lives. Listen intently, notice God's love. Be still and know that I am God. [Psalm 46]

May we all come to know a moment of peace with the Lord in the week ahead.

Fr. 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 Aug. 9 and 16

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

August 9:

10 a.m.

Ron Hitzler, Kenneth King

August 16:

10 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

Announcers

August 9:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

August 16:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

August 9:

10 a.m.

Lead Catechist: Peggy
Nachtrab

Eucharistic Ministers

August 9:

10 a.m.

Reggie Lee, Mary Richardson

August 16:

10 a.m.

Reggie Lee, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

August 9:

10 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Pam Dyle

August 16:

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

Today's gospel portrays Peter's lack of faith as keeping him from walking across the sea to reach Jesus. In Peter's hesitation, he falls beneath the waves, and is rebuked by Jesus: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" In our faith journey, we are also required to believe that God is with us, even when - especially when - all appearances are to the contrary. This can be particularly hard when the institutions we rely on seem buffeted by storm and scandal or piloted by fearful or ignorant people. Governments, civic and religious, are all prone to flounder. At these times, faith insists that Christ is with us, that he will come again, and we will be one in him. When we are overcome by despair, we know through our faith that God will save us.



Church staff

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at 513-381-4526
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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.

Counseling & Empowerment

Catholic Charities offers a safe, supportive space for people to improve their well-being through family development services, parenting education, and mental health counseling. To learn more, visit www.ccswoh.org

Senior Luncheon and Bingo

Mark your calendar: Today 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.

Saintly Seven

A program for the Saintly Seven Black Candidates for Sainthood Julia Greeley, Servant of God will be held Sunday, August 23 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at Lehman High School, Door 10, 2400 St Marys Ave Sindy, Ohio 45365. Lunch will be served at noon. Contact Andrew Musgrave for more info, Amusgrave@catholicaoc.org or call 513-263-6691.

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.

- *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
Walker, Shelly

Prayer List

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

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 August 2, 2026

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$5196.00
<i>E-offering</i>	\$693.04
<i>Sunday Saints</i>	\$200.00
<i>St. Vincent dePaul</i>	\$25.00
<i>Other</i>	\$525.00
Total	\$6639.04

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.

Fall Andrew Dinners: The dates for the Fall Andrew Dinners are Thursday, Sept. 24 at St. Patrick, Troy and Tuesday, Nov. 17 at St. Mary, Hillsboro. The Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-age men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and the vocation director, and share a meal together. For more information and to register go to: <https://catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners>. Contact Fr. Michael Willig at mwillig@catholicaoc.org or (513.263.3390) with any questions.

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>.

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

Rising Together to Empower Local Families in 2025

23,941 SERVED



Across 11 county service areas, Catholic Charities provides immediate, compassionate support to individuals and families facing crisis by ensuring access to food, housing, essential resources and a pathway toward long-term stability. St. Joseph helps by hosting the free produce pantry on the second Tuesday of each month. We also participate by volunteering and making financial donations towards the food given to our neighbors.

The next free produce pantry is Tuesday, August 11th. Food will be distributed between 11 am and 1 pm.

Questions or willing to volunteer... Contact CCSWO Food for All Coordinator at 513.672.3720

Made possible by Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, Freestore Foodbank, and volunteers. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Anthem strong support of St. Joseph Catholic Church

Stand In Solidarity With the Springfield Haitian Community

As TPS protections end for Haitian families, local religious leaders in Springfield are urging humane enforcement and the protection of families.

Archbishop Robert Casey issued a statement, recognizing the moment as an "examination of conscience" about how we treat our vulnerable migrant neighbors.

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio stands firmly with our Haitian neighbors. While promoting public safety and a more orderly immigration system, we will continue advocating for compassion, stability, and the protection of families who contribute so much to our communities.