

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, September 20: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Acts 16:14b; Matthew 20:1-16a

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Lawrence Kinley Jr. (D)
By: Anonymous

Monday, September 21: Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22: Tuesday of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 11:28; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23: Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest: Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Mark 1:15; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24: Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; 15:1-11; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17bc; John 14:6; Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 25: Friday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Mark 10:45; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26: Saturday of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Timothy 1:10; Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 27: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2:1-11; Philippians 2:1-5; John 10:27; Matthew 21:28-27

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Paul A. Ware (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.



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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 20, 2026

Parable gives glimpse of God's point of view

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

"For the kingdom of heaven is ...". St. Matthew's Gospel goes on to tell the parable of the vineyard owner who goes to the market place.

This parable is a guide for us to communicate a basic spiritual truth about each person's relationship to God.

God seeks all people for the good of the heavenly kingdom.

The parable suggests a look at things from God's point of view.

From the vineyard owner's point of view, what really matters is not what you get but that you work in the vineyard.

The challenge is idleness. The owner will continue to visit the market place urging / inviting you to look at your life journey.

The Lord, the owner, uses varied ways to invite, and encourage you to come to know life in the kingdom of heaven.

Live as a disciple.

When you live as a disciple, you are no longer conscious of status or the worry of not getting what you 'deserve.'

You no longer fear the heat of the day because you no longer live in an envious world of comparison but in the abundant world of God.

You know the power of God's love for you and you act out of this love in care for your neighbor.

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. [from the opening prayer for the 25th Sunday]

Have a blessed week!

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 Sept. 20 and 27

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

September 20:

10 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

September 27:

10 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

Announcers

September 20:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

September 27:

10 a.m.

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Catechists

September 20:

10 a.m.

Lead Catechist: Peggy
Nachtrab

Eucharistic Ministers

September 20:

10 a.m.

Reggie Lee, Denise Stockstill, Liz Berry
Sharon Sanker

September 27:

10 a.m.

Dave Stein, Mark Patel, Anne Shaffer,
Reggie Lee

Lectors

September 20:

10 a.m.

Bruce Seidel, Jan Seidel

September 27:

10 a.m.

Lester Freeman, 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

Gospel Songfest

St. Joseph Catholic Church presents the 2nd Annual Gospel Songfest Sunday, September 27th 3-5:30 p.m. at Kyte Theater at Summit Country Day School, 2161 Grandin Road. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets will be available soon.

Saintly Seven

Join us for the sixth session on the seven African American candidates for sainthood: Servant of God Sr. Henriette Delille. The event will be both in-person and live streamed, and we will also record the event for those who cannot make it.

The event will take place on Sunday, September 20th at 1:30 - 3:00 pm at St. Benedict the Moor Parish 519 Liscum Dr. Dayton, Ohio 45417. For questions contact the Catholic Social Action Office 513.263.6690 or csa@catholicaoc.org.

A Night of Celebration ***Faith * Fellowship * Fraternity***

The Men of Knights of Peter Claver Council 363 is hosting 2026 New Year's Eve Party on December 31, 2026, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at Father Rivers Hall.

A mature crowd of 30 & up is invited. Upscale attire required.

For more information or tickets, contact Knight Reggie Lee, 513-652-7122 or Grand Knight Rob Harris, 513-807-8501.

2026 Rosary Rally

2026 Rosary Rally/Public Square Rosary Crusade
Join us for our 6th annual Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at Noon in front of St. Joseph Catholic Church. We will pray in public with power guided by the Holy Ghost to call down God's mercy. All are welcome to join us.

Liturgy and Life

Jesus is always telling his followers what the kingdom of heaven is like. Using parables, he tries to illustrate for us the truth expressed by Isaiah in the first reading: God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor his ways our ways. To us, with our pettiness and parsimony, God's abundant love and mercy are an unfathomable mystery. In fact, this mystery is grace and it is God's grace that is our greatest source of hope. No matter how assiduously we defend our worthiness as opposed to the unworthiness of others, the grace of God confounds these efforts, leaving us at once confused and hopeful. In the face of such incomprehensible love, what can we do but surrender? Surrendering to grace is an expression of hope.

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

Sunday Collection Sept. 13, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$3087.00
E-offering	\$806.08
Sunday Saints	\$220.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$25.00
Other	\$12565.00
Total	\$16703.08

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

Saintly Seven: This month we host the sixth event in our series on the Saintly Seven - the seven African American candidates for sainthood. We will celebrate Venerable Sr. Henriette Delille today at 1:30 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Parish (519 Liscum Dr., Dayton). All sessions are in person as well as livestreamed. For more information, check out www.tinyurl.com/SaintlySevenAOC2026.

Bethany Brunches will be held:

- Saturday, October 10, 2026, Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony, 6104 Desmond St., Cincinnati (east side of Cincinnati)
- Saturday, January 16, 2027, Mother of God Family of Parishes (Dayton/Kettering)
- Saturday, February 27, 2027, St. John Bosco Family of Parishes (west side of Cincinnati)

Bethany Brunches are open to women 16-35 (under 18 needs a chaperone). These events provide an opportunity to deepen one's relationship with Christ through prayer, fellowship, and spiritual conversation. Young women will have the chance to meet religious sisters, learn about consecrated life, ask questions about vocation and discipleship, and connect with other women of faith over brunch. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Bethany26>.

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. 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.

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)

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? We offer a monthly new volunteer training for Peer Mentors and Support Group Facilitators. For more information, please contact Angie Homoele 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



"A Tower of Faith since 1846"

Dear Friends in Faith,

It is with great hope that this urgent message finds you well and blest. Today, we are writing you with both gratitude for all you have done to assist our church family at St. Joseph and with excitement for what lies ahead. The Lord has blessed our church community with Joy and so many have witnessed how St. Joseph indeed is a "Tower of Faith" to the West End, South Cumminsville and the Greater Cincinnati Community.

Our beloved church has been a place of worship, comfort, and community for generations. But after years of faithful service, our roof is in urgent need of replacement. We risk more damage to our sanctuary – the space where we gather, and pray, if action is not taken.

The **Raise the Roof Campaign** is a mission to secure funds needed to replace our roof and repair and repaint the interior from the damage caused by the roof, to ensure that our church is safe, and a welcoming home for all.

Our goal is to raise \$200,000. We need \$150,000 by October 31st, if we are to proceed with the roof replacement before winter sets in. \$40,000 has already been raised through a generous donor and an award from a small grant. **Every gift no matter the size, will bring us closer to our goal.**

Your generosity will not only protect our building but also preserve our church, a place where lives are changed, hope is restored and God's love is shared.

Together we can ensure that our church continues to stand strong – "A Tower of Faith" for generations to come. Let's restore the roof – giving all praises to God.