

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 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
For: Tenico Roper
By: Robin Walker

Monday, September 28: Monday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time: Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Mark 10:45; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 12: 7-12ab; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Psalm 103:21; John 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30: Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Philippians 3:8-9; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1: Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church: Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mark 1:15; Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 2: Memorial of Holy Guardian Angels: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Psalm 103:21; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3: Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Matthew 11:25; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 4: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Philippians 4:6-9; John 15:16; Matthew 21:33-43

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Bernard Ford (AB)
By: Sandy Reed
For: Nancy Jones (AD)
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.

**Twenty-sixth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sept. 27, 2026**

Being a disciple of Christ requires action

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

Today would be a good day for us to reflect on the pope's message for this year's observation to pray for the well-being of today's migrants and refugees.

Consider what concrete action you could take to offer the "compassion and mercy" St. Paul speaks of in our second reading.

To be a disciple of Jesus requires action. Words are insufficient.

Jesus offers today's parable or teaching because the religious authorities are jealous and angry.

How does this man act this way? They question his authority.

While the first son initially rejects the command to tend the vineyard, he has a change of heart and goes to work.

Notice that often religious authorities [like the second son] say yes but do not follow up with action.

The words of the Gospel must be lived: Jesus' teachings on justice, reconciliation, and love must be the light that guides us, the path we walk, the prayer we make a reality.

Discipleship begins with in our hearts, where we realize Christ's presence in our lives and in the lives of others.

We then honor that presence in meaningful acts of compassion and charity.

St. Paul tells the Philippians: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interest but also for those of others."

May we have the attitude of Christ, who humbled himself for our salvation.

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. 27 and Oct. 4

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 27:

10 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

October 4:

10 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

September 27:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

October 4:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

September 27:

10 a.m.

Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

September 27:

10 a.m.

Dave Stein, Mark Patel, Anne Shaffer,
Reggie Lee

October 4:

10 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer,
Reggie Lee, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

September 27:

10 a.m.

Lester Freeman, Bob Sanker

October 4:

10 a.m.

George Kinley, 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 today, 3-5:30 p.m. at Kyte Theater at Summit Country Day School, 2161 Grandin Road. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets are available.

Free Produce and Food Pantry

St. Joseph Catholic Church offers a free produce and food pantry on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next one will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Food will be distributed from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

All Hamilton County Residents in need are welcome.

Eligibility Guidelines are: TEFAP Household income at or below 200% the federal poverty line.

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

The Christian community is scandalized when its members behave in a way that is contrary to what they profess. Baptized in Christ, gathered at his table, we believe we are one in him, yet our communities are increasingly divided. We promise to be his hands and feet and continue his work on earth, yet we are cruelly indifferent to a world of pain and sorrow. Without charity, unity, and humility, our prayerful words and reverent thoughts are meaningless - in truth, they are scandalous. Our prayer life must be supported by our actions.

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.



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- *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
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. 20, 2026

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$1418.00</i>
<i>E-offering</i>	<i>\$206.36</i>
<i>Sunday Saints</i>	<i>\$220.00</i>
<i>St. Vincent dePaul</i>	<i>\$288.00</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>\$27,170.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$29302.36</i>

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

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 Fall Andrew Dinner will be 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; Facebook: 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.

Celebrate Your Jubilee Wedding Anniversary with Archbishop Casey: Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2026 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on Sunday, November 15 (Cincinnati) or Saturday, November 21 (Dayton). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered for the jubilarian couples. Couples should RSVP online by Monday, November 2 at www.catholicaoc.org/goldenjubilee. communications@catholicaoc.org

One of our own has been honored with The Summit Way Award

This award recognizes individuals who embody the values that define our community: excellence, servant leadership, humility, hard work, integrity, kindness and respect. These recipients lead by example, putting the needs of others first and living out our mission each day. We are proud to honor three individuals with The Summit Way Award this year:



Peggy Nachtrab

Living the Mission through Service and Faith.

Peggy Nachtrab approaches each day at The Summit with a simple but powerful purpose: to make a difference in the lives of students. Through her servant-hearted leadership, unwavering faith and genuine care for others, she exemplifies the values at the heart of The Summit Way and serves as a daily reminder of the school's mission in action. Known for her positive spirit and enthusiastic "can do" attitude, Ms. Nachtrab is always willing to step forward wherever she is needed. Whether supporting classrooms, substituting or helping lead important school experiences, she approaches every opportunity with humility, grace and commitment to serving others.

Mrs. Nachtrab's greatest impact is often felt through her ministry with

students. Through weekly Bible stories, faith-centered lessons and beloved traditions such as Jesus Day, she helps young people grow in their understanding of God and discover how faith can guide their daily lives. She has a special gift for making Scripture accessible and meaningful for students of all ages, engaging younger children through stories and songs while encouraging older students to wrestle with deeper questions of faith and purpose.

Colleagues describe her as someone who leads with integrity, kindness, patience and wisdom – qualities that inspire students and adults alike. Mrs. Nachtrab never seeks the spotlight, preferring instead to focus on the needs of students and the mission of the school. Through her faithful service, joyful spirit and unwavering commitment to others, she helps shape not only what students learn, but who they become. That is The Summit Way at its very best.

Article from The Summit Magazine Fall 2026 edition page 41.

Congratulations from your St. Joseph Family!

Sacrament Preparation Meeting

Sunday October 11, 2026

Immediately after 10:00 mass, at approximately 11:30am

In St. Anne's Chapel, St. Joseph Church

BAPTISM, EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION

Sacraments of Initiation

Please join us if you have a child or grandchild interested in preparing to receive any of the *Sacraments of Initiation*: Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation.

Please bring the children!

If you have any questions, please call Peggy Nachtrab 513-312-7841