

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 6: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Matthew 18:15-20

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Tommy Robinson (AD)
By: Shirley Robinson

Monday, September 7: Monday of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12; John 10:27; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Micah 5:1-4a; Romans 8:28-30; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23; Matthew 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9: Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Luke 6:23ab; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10: Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; 1 John 4:12; Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 11: Friday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; John 17:17b, 17a; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12: Saturday of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18; John 14:23; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 13: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach 27:30--28:7; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Romans 14:7-9; John 13:34; Matthew 18:21-35

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Students and instructors (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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 6, 2026

Law teaches love God, love others

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

St. Paul tells us, this weekend in his letter to the Romans, "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

This is an important teaching about the bridge between the observance of Mosaic law and the living of Christian love. The law is summarized in love of God and love of others. Chapter 18 of St. Matthew's Gospel is a collection of Jesus' sayings on the practical challenges of life. Today's Gospel reading outlines a process of reconciliation.

Jesus calls his hearers to seek honesty and sincerity in all relationships. He urges us to put aside self-interest, anger and wounded pride, and take the first step in healing rifts that destroy love. He asks us to take on the hard work of reconciliation individually and in community, to be committed to seeking ways that resolve conflicts for the benefit of all. We do this to imitate and bring into our lives the powerful love and mercy of God.

The prophet Ezekiel did not ignore dangers. He is called to be alert and watchful for the exiled household of God. He is called to be someone who notes approaching danger or threats to a vulnerable people's existence in exile. As a prophet, he is charged with a responsibility to enable a conversion of the offender.

Community leaders in our time are the watchers, the discerning 'eyes' of the community. They look at the wide horizon, think about the future with loving concern for the individual and community. These are the folks that speak out when necessary.

Please join me in prayer for community leaders who call out so that all might know justice in our time. Finally, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you will support our Raise the Roof effort. This is an important moment for St. Joseph parish. Your participation will help a great deal. Thank you.

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. 6 and 13

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 6:

10 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

September 13:

10 a.m.

Ron Hitzler, Kenneth King

Announcers

September 6:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

September 13:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

September 6:

10 a.m.

Lead Catechist: Peggy
Nachtrab

Eucharistic Ministers

September 6:

10 a.m.

Anne Shaffer, Willa Green

September 13:

10 a.m.

Reggie Lee, Mary Richardson, David
Stein, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

September 6:

10 a.m.

George Kinley, Mark Patel

September 13:

10 a.m.

Dave Stein, Anne Shaffer

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.

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.

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.

Senior Luncheon and Bingo

Mark your calendar: For Bingo, 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.

Liturgy and Life

Today we lean, with the early disciples, that we are indeed our brother's keeper, our neighbor's watchman. Even in the smallest of gatherings — as few as two or three together — we are bound by and accountable to the greatest of loves. The point of the Gospel is not to gauge when we may cast our brother out; rather, it is to learn how zealous we must be to preserve our unity.

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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- *Rev. Jan Schmidt, Pastor*
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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 August 30, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$3110.00
E-offering	\$618.04
Sunday Saints	\$220.00
Other	\$672.00
Total	\$4620.04

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

Rice Bowl Celebration: The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Committee of the Catholic Social Action office invites you to a Rice Bowl Celebration. The celebration is a time to increase your knowledge about the work of CRS, learn about the organizations that benefit from the local CRS Rice Bowl grants, and fellowship with others who are passionate about the work of CRS. The celebration will take place on Sat., Sept. 19, 2:00 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Liberty Township. It's free and there will be light hors d'oeuvres. If additional information is needed, please contact Glen Glenn at gglenn@catholicaoc.org, (513.263.6644) or Jill Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org, (513=263-4124).

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 on Sunday, September 20, 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.

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.

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 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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