

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, November 1: Solemnity of All Saints: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24-1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 11:28; Matthew 5:1-12a

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Bernard Ford (AD)
By: Sandy Reed

Monday, November 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 25:34; John 6:37-40

Tuesday, November 3: Tuesday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time: Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Matthew 11:28; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 4: Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop: Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14; 1 Peter 4:14; Luke 14:25-33;

Thursday, November 5: Thursday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time: Philippians 3:3-8a; Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 11:28; Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 6: Friday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; 1 John 2:5; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 7: Saturday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time: Philippians 4:10-19; Psalm 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 8: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; Matthew 24:42a, 44; Matthew 25:1-13

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: All deceased parishioners of St.
Joseph Catholic Church (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.

**Solemnity
of
All Saints
Nov. 1, 2026**

**Remember the
holy women, men
known and
unknown**

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

Today, we remember the saints, those holy men and women known and unknown.

As we do, recall that the Second Vatican Council called us to holiness. Each one of us is invited by Jesus to follow him.

We are called to live our lives in such a way that we become the best Christian version of ourselves through mercy, compassion and love.

May we in a special way today, open our hearts to the love of God, who is loving all the time.

The saints are those who knew how to live the Beatitudes Jesus speaks of in the Gospel.

These models of faith knew what it meant to struggle, love, and show mercy.

They did not live easy lives. They knew our human struggles. They drew closer to God.

Our true joy is not dependent on what we accomplish or our possessions. Instead, happiness is knowing Christ and living in a way that proclaims his mercy and love.

Today, we join in prayer for the seven African American candidates for sainthood.

They are Sister Thea Bowman, Sister Henriette Delille, Father Martin de Porres Ward, Julia Greeley, Father Augustus Tolton, Mother Mary Lange, and Pierre Toussaint.

Please remember in your prayers today in a special way our dearly departed.

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Have a blessed week

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 Nov. 1 and 8

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

November 1:

10 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

November 8:

10 a.m.

Ron Hitzler, Kenneth King

Announcers

November 1:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

November 8:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

November 1:

10 a.m.

Lead Catechist: Peggy Nachtrab

Eucharistic Ministers

November 1:

10 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

November 8:

10 a.m.

Reggie Lee, Mary Richardson, David Stein, Anne Shaffer

Lectors

November 1:

10 a.m.

George Kinley, Mark Patel

November 8:

10 a.m.

David 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



Save the date

2026 Christmas Benefit
Church Benefit
Friday, December 4, 2026
In Fr. Rivers Hall
More information coming soon|



Church staff

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- 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

Attention: Liturgical Ministers

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Ushers/greeters and Choir members please save one of these dates for a time of reflection, prayer and training, Saturday -- November 14 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. or Wednesday, November 18th from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Contact Deacon Edwards, Mary Richardson, Dr. Jesse Thomas, Shon Hubbel or Father Len with any questions.

Family Thanksgiving Meal Signup

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving meal for your family, we will start sign-ups next Sunday. There will be a limited number of meals available.

You must be available to pick up the meal on Wednesday, November 25th. Stop by the usher's table or call the parish office on or after November 1st.

November 8 -- Special Collection

Our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

Senior Luncheon and Bingo

Join us for the next Senior Luncheon on Sunday, November 8th immediately following Mass in Fr. Rivers Hall. All are welcome to join the seniors for fun, fellowship and food. A small donation is requested.

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.

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

Cure, Monika: Loveland Care Center
Dysart, Richard: Covenant Village
Edwards, Joyce: Deer Park Nursing Home
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
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.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions.rg/Beacons-of-Lights Beacons of Light - Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Sunday Collection Oct. 25, 2026

Sunday collection	\$3030.00
E-offering	\$308.04
Sunday Saints	\$220.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$25.00
Other	\$900.00
Total	\$4483.04

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

Bethany Brunches will be held:

- 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/q70NuT3ggf>, email nominations to can@ccswoh.org or call the Caregiver Assistance Network at 513-869-4483. 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



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