

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, October 11: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Ephesians 1:17-18; Matthew 22:1-14; Matthew 22:1-10

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Fr. Michael Barton, MCCJ (SI)
By: Mary Roberson
For: Gregory Thompson Jr. (AB)
By: Dionne Johnson

Monday, October 12: Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7; Psalm 95:8; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13: Tuesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time: Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Hebrews 4:12; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14: Wednesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time: Galatians 5:18-25; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; John 10:27; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15: Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church: Ephesians 1:1-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 14:6; Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 16: Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time: Ephesians 1:11-14; Psalm 33:22; Luke 12:1-7; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 17: Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr: Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; John 15:26b, 27a; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday, October 18: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Philippians 2:15d, 16a; Matthew 22:15-21

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: P. J. Nolan (SI)
By: Ron and Patty Rust

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-eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Oct. 11, 2026**

**Every person must
be seen as
child of God**

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

Today's Gospel of the wedding feast is the third parable Jesus addresses to the religious leaders. They have challenged his authority and seek to discredit him.

This parable brings to light Israel's rejection of God's promise. The people God called his own have rejected Him, so a broader invitation is now extended to Gentiles, foreigners, and even those who do not know God.

There is a second parable in our Gospel this weekend. Jesus tells the story of a wedding guest who comes to the banquet without the proper wedding garment. Note that the wedding garment represents a conversion of heart and mind. This is required for entry into the eternal banquet of heaven.

St. Paul adds in his letter to the Philippians. This image by saying we must 'put on' the garment of Christ. The prophet Isaiah gives a vivid description of the feast on the mountain of the Lord.

To be fully a disciple of Christ, we must recognize every person as a child of God. They are worthy of respect, love and compassion. The invitation from God is for everyone - distinctions such as economic class or influence, discrimination by race or origin, reservations due to mental or physical ability disappear before God. To be able to join the banquet in the kingdom, we must make our own God's vision for the human family.

Grateful for your generosity O Lord, we come before you humbly aware of our unworthiness. Assist us as we make our way to the eternal wedding feast. May we work sincerely to bring about peace and justice. Put on the fullness of Christ this week as we work for peace.

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 Oct. 11 and 18

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

October 11:

10 a.m.

Ron Hitzler, Kenneth King

October 18:

10 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

Announcers

October 11:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

October 18:

10 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

October 11:

10 a.m.

Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

October 11:

10 a.m.

Liz Berry, Dave Stein, Reggie Lee,
Sharon Sanker

October 18:

10 a.m.

Mark Patel, Denise Stockstill, Liz Berry,
Reggie Lee

Lectors

October 11:

10 a.m.

Edna McCoy, Chris Nachtrab

October 18:

10 a.m.

Jan Seidel, Bruce 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



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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- Rev. Jan Schmidt, Pastor
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- 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

World Mission Sunday Oct. 18

We are called to celebrate the Gospel challenge to be in solidarity with all the world's peoples, especially those most in need of the Good News. A \$20 donation enables a parish in a mission country to serve the spiritual and physical needs of a refugee family for a week. No donation is too small. Collection envelopes are available at the usher's table.

Key Election Dates



Reminder of Key Election Dates:

Mon, October 5th	Voter Registration Deadline
Tue, October 6th	Early Voting Begins
Tue, October 27th	Vote BY Mail Application Deadl
Tue, November 3rd	Election Day

Parking volunteers needed

The St. Joseph Parking Committee needs volunteers for the following upcoming dates and times:
Wednesday, October 14th : 5:30-7:30 p.m. or 7:45-9:45 p.m.
Sunday, October 18th : 5-7 p.m. or 7:15 - 9:15 p.m.
Saturday, October 31st : Noon-2 p.m. or 2:15-4:15 p.m.
Saturday, November 7th : 2-4 p.m. or 4:15-6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17th : 5-7 p.m. or 7:15-9:15 p.m.
If available, see Barbara Wright after mass or call the parish office.

Sacrament Preparation Meeting

Sacrament Preparation Meeting will be held Sunday, October 11, 2026, immediately after 10:00 mass, at approximately 11:30 a.m. in St. Ann's Chapel at St. Joseph Church.

Join us if you have a child or grandchild interested in preparing to receive any of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation. If you have any questions, please call Peggy Nachtrab 513-312-7841.

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

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.

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.



***Sunday Collection
figures for
October 4, 2026
were unavailable
at the time
of printing***

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.

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

Hamilton Co. Food for All

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2nd Tuesday of every month



Catholic Charities
Southwestern Ohio
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St. Joseph Catholic Church, 745 Ezzard Charles Dr.

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

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm

Tuesday, December 8th, 2026 from 11:00-1:00pm

If local schools close or delay due to inclement weather, the Mobile Pantry will be cancelled or rescheduled.

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

Made possible by Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, Freestore Foodbank,
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Voting in the November 3, 2026 General Election



VOTE EARLY IN PERSON AT BOE- 4700 SMITH RD 45212

October	6-9	T-F	8am-5pm
October	12-16	M-F	8am-5pm
October	19-23	M-F	8am-5pm
October	24	Sat	8am-4pm
October	26	M	7:30am-7:30pm
October	27	T	7:30am-8:30pm
October	28-30	W-F	7:30am-7:30pm
October	31	Sat	8am-4pm
November	1	Sun	1pm-5pm

Fill out & submit an absentee application to get your ballot in the mail.

Applications accepted **NOW** until 8:30 pm on October 27th.

We start mailing absentee ballots on October 6th, 2026.

All ballots must be returned to the BOE by 7:30pm on Election Day.



ELECTION DAY Tuesday, November 3 (Polls Open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm)