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 22: *The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Mark 11:9, 10; Matthew 25:31-46*

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church — For: P.J. Nolan (SI) By: Ron and Patty Rust

Monday, November 23: *Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Psalm 24:1b c-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Matthew 24:42a, 44; Luke 21:1-4*

Tuesday, November 24: *Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs: Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13; Revelation 2:10c; Luke 121:5-11*

Wednesday, November 25: *Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time: Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Revelation 2:10c; Luke 21:12-19*

Thursday, November 26: *Thanksgiving Day: Sirach 50:22-24; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Luke 17:11-19*

Friday, November 27: *Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time: Revelation 20:1-4, 11--21:2; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a; Luke 21:28; Luke 21:29-33*

Saturday, November 28: *Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time: Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Luke 21:36; Luke 21:34-36*

Sunday, November 29: *First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Psalm 85:8; Mark 13:33-37*

10 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church — For: All members of SJCC (SI) By: Anonymous

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.

† St. Vincent de Paul Society of
Neighbors helping neighbors®

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.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Nov. 22, 2026

Celebrating the Feast of Christ the King Why is it important?

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, Christ the King Sunday or Reign of Christ Sunday, is a feast in the liturgical year which emphasizes the true kingship of Christ.

This feast day was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI following a crisis after World War I when secularism, nationalism and atheism threatened to remove God from the public.

As we celebrate this feast day in 2026 today it is still pertinent for us. All the above-mentioned things exist.

Secularism says that religion should not be with ordinary social or political activities of a country.

People are being killed in our country just because of how they look.

Compassion or love has no consideration in care for others. Belief in God and His love appear to be missing during these times.

Dr. Martin Luther King often criticized nationalism, whether in the guise of Adolf Hitler's tyranny or Senator Joseph McCarthy's attacks against un-American activities.

In 1953, when King was still in graduate school, he preached a sermon against nationalism, saying, "One cannot worship this false god of nationalism and the God of Christianity at the same time".

King's internationalism did not preclude loving one's own country; however, he felt that "no other nation can mean to us what our nation means," but King thought

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loving one's nation need not turn into "chauvinism and isolationism".

Miriam Webster dictionary describes the word "atheism" "as a lack of belief or a strong disbelief in the existence of a god or any gods".

If there is no belief in God, there is no love for others.

So, no matter how we look at it today the Feast of Christ the King is a worthy celebration.

Rejoice and be glad!

Dr. Jessie Thomas
Pastoral Theologian
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey in order to strengthen St. Joseph and better prepare us for the future!

We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities.

Complete the survey today and help St. Joseph thrive!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit https://survey.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/da143p .

If you're a parishioner, take the DMI survey today!

Paper surveys are also available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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

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.

Nov. 22 Fourth Sunday

Acolytes: Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
Lectors: Pam Daniels, Bob Sanker
Catechist: Peggy Nachtrab
EMHC: Dave Stein, Mark Patel, Anne Shaffer. Reginald Lee

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov. 29 Fifth Sunday

Acolytes: Liz Berry, Manuela Akahoun
Lectors: Rachel Watkins, Christa Akahoun
Catechist: Peggy Nachtrab
EMHC: Dave Stein, Willia Green
Anne Shaffer, Reginald Lee

First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6 First Sunday

Acolytes: Howard Tribble, Nate Powers
Lectors: George Kinley, Bob Sanker
Catechist: Peggy Nachtrab
EMHC: Jerry Lanier, Willia Green
Anne Shaffer, Sharon Sanker

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 13 Second Sunday

Acolytes: Kenneth King, Ron Hitzler
Lectors: Edna McCoy, Chris Nachtrab
Catechist: Peggy Nachtrab
EMHC: Reginald Lee, Sharon Sanker
Liz Berry, Dave Stein

Third Sunday of Advent

Ushers' Roster

Robert Johnson and Robin Walker (lead ushers), David Stein, Willia Green, Yolanda and James Roper, Stan Carloss, 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

Night of celebration
*Faith * Fellowship * Fraternity*

The Men of Knights of Peter Claver Council 363 are hosting the 2026 New Year's Eve Party December 31, 2026, It will be held from 9 p,m. until 1 a.m. at Father Rivers Hall.
General admission is $60,

It is for a mature crowd of 30 & Up. Upscale attire is reqired. For tickets, contact Reggie Lee 513-652-7122 or Rob Harris 513-807-8501.

St. Joseph is hiring

St. Joseph Catholic Church is looking to hire someone to clean the church once a week. The person would also be available to open and close the church and clean after special events. The total time commitment would be four to six hours per week.

If you are interested, please see Mary Roberson or call the parish office and leave your name and number.

Family Thanksgiving Meal Signup

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving meal for your family, we have started sign-ups. 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.

KPC Ladies Initiation

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 363 will hold an initiation ceremony Saturday, Dec. 12 in Father Rivers Hall. The faith-based organization is seeking actively practicing Catholic women who believe in serving God and the community. If interested, contact Grand Lady Gayle Burton, membership chairman Denise Stockstill or any KPC lady for more information.

Senior Luncheon and Bingo

Join us for the next Senior Luncheon on Sunday, December 13th 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.



Church staff

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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, 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
Tribble, Gregory, Western Hills Retirement Home

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
Cheeks, Newton
Irby, Frances
Menefield Family
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.)

Sunday Collection Nov. 15, 2026

Sunday collection	*$2292.00*
E-offering	*$882.74*
Sunday Saints	*$220.00*
St. Vincent dePaul	*$365.00*
Other	*$3210.00*
Total	***$6969.74***

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.

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

Live-In Weekend at the Josephinum College Seminary: Young men (high school juniors and seniors and college students) interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general are invited to a live-in weekend Nov. 13-15 at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. There is no cost for the registrant. Those interested should contact Fr. Michael Willig for registration information: vocations@catholicaoc.org.

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/q70NuT3gqf, 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.

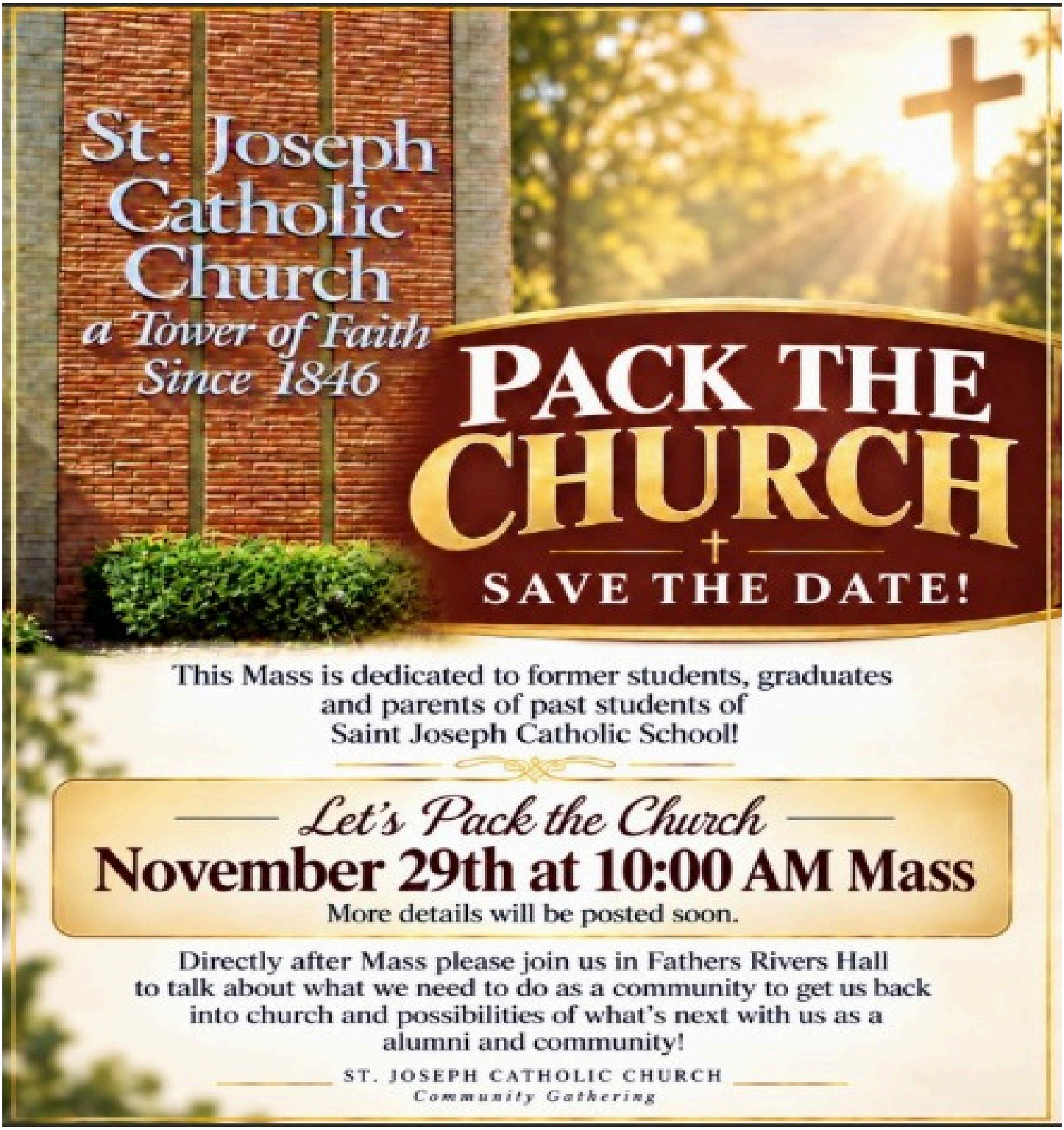
Fall Andrew Dinners: The Fall Andrew Dinner will be Tuesday, Nov. 17 at St. Mary, Hillsboro. The Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-age men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and the 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/.

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



Children's faith formation/Sacrament preparation classes

The classes are immediately following Mass until 12:45 p.m. on the first and third Sundays: December 6th and 20th

January 3rd and 17th

February 7th and 21st

March 7th and 21st

April 4th and 18th