

Welcome to St. Joseph!



If you are new to our Church or just visiting, we are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like to join our parish, registration forms are available in the Gathering Space, parish office, or by visiting St. Joseph's website at stjosephnorthbend.com.

Hearing Devices are available for hearing impaired.

(Please return used device after Mass to the lower basket to be sanitized. Please take the earpiece home with you, it can be used again.)

Around our Parish

**THEOLOGY OF INDULGENCES:
BY FATHER ANDREW J. UMBERG, STL**



Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross to make the perfect sacrifice to God the Father for the forgiveness of our sins. We receive this merciful remission/forgiveness of our sins when we are committed to Christ in Baptism as his faithful disciples. Unfortunately, sometimes we break this commitment to Christ by our sins in thought, word, action and omission. In the Sacrament of Penance, we recommit to being faithful followers of Christ and are given the gift of forgiveness again. However, we may still have some lingering attachment to our sins, and in justice, we may owe reparation to the people we have sinned against. Our will needs to be disciplined to completely reject our sinful actions and whatever we gained by them, and we need to pay our debts. This painful process is what we call temporal punishment for sin. To say this is not to deny God's love or His mercy or His forgiveness of sins. For example, if a boy is told not to play baseball facing Mrs. Smith's house, but he does, and the ball breaks Mrs. Smith's window, he is probably in trouble. It may be that when dad gets home he does not ground him or otherwise punish him. However, there is still the question of who is paying for Mrs. Smith's window. In justice, it should be the disobedient boy who pays. In a similar way, God can forgive our sins, and we are going to heaven, but we cannot bear to see Him face to face in His perfection while still having some attachment to our sins (that is, still being a little bit glad that we committed

them because of whatever earthly advantage we received from them) or being crassly indifferent to repairing or restoring what we have damaged or taken by our sins. So, we do penance for our sins on earth to discipline our will and fulfill justice. We can make up for what is not done after we die, before we see the face of God. This is good news because it gives us great cause for hope for the salvation of ourselves and others in the face of our weakness and our sins. It is bad news because discipline and reparation can be painful.

The Ancient Church grappled with these issues in its practice of the Sacrament of Penance. During that time, the practice began of people asking Christians who were imprisoned for their faith to offer their sufferings for them. This was sometimes recognized by the Church as a factor in reducing the penitential acts required of sinners, that is, **an indulgence**. Because all the martyrs belong to the Church, as does the grace of Christ Himself, the Church claims the authority to dispense the grace received through the holiness of Christ and the saints. This is done by the authority of the pope, and it is done to encourage the faithful to perform certain pious actions to help stimulate the practice of their faith. This is like an indulgent parent who promises to give their child a bribe to go and sit still at the dentist's office or to improve their grades. The Church wants her children to be freed from their maladies and to grow in the knowledge and love of God.



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA):

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our Archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend (or there will be an opportunity for you to make a commitment during Mass). For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit www.AOCstewardship.org. Thank you!

Scholarship to College



The Three Rivers Woman's Club is offering a scholarship to a qualifying female who is a senior in high school and is pursuing a college education. This is a one time, one year \$1,500.00 scholarship. Applicant must be a resident of Miami Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. Please contact Candi Fern at 513-922-1968 to receive an application form for this scholarship. The deadline for submission of a completed application and required information is Friday, March 19, 2021.

Around our Parish

TRAM Food Pantry Items in Need -

The items in need for this month are toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please place items in the TRAM box in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity! Monetary donations are appreciated. Thank you!



Feeding the Community

**Please mail to: TRAM Ministry Inc.
P.O. Box 389
North Bend, OH 45052**

Handicapped and Dietary needs at Mass - At St. Joseph Parish we pride ourselves on making sure that "All are Welcome." Sometimes we are not aware of the needs of our members. If you are handicapped and cannot walk up the aisle to receive communion at Mass, let one of the Ushers know and they will make sure that someone comes to you. We also are aware of the ongoing dietary concerns of those who need to stay away from wheat. If you are one of those afflicted with that health issue, again let one of the Ushers know and they will make sure that you receive a low-gluten host. We hope to make everyone's visit to St. Joseph a pleasant and welcoming experience.

St. Joseph Prayer Chain – If you know of someone who needs or wants to be on the Prayer Chain, please have a **family member** call the parish office or Elaine Mack at 941-3499.

In the Neighborhood

Natural Family Planning New Live Online (virtual) Classes begin Mon., Feb. 8, @ 7:30 pm and Sat., Feb. 13, @ 9:30 am AND Sun., Feb. 14, @ 2 pm, Onsite at Ruah Woods, 6675 Wesselman Rd, Cinti, OH 45248. For more information, or to register for a class, go to www.ccli.org or call 471-2000 or 800-745-8252.

NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH: ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR FUNERAL AND MEDICAL PRE-PLANNING -Wednesday, Feb.3, 1:30pm-3:00 pm or Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:00 pm-8:30pm. It's never too soon to begin thinking about our own funeral, end-of-life care, and who will be making decisions on our behalf. Join us to learn about how to get started on planning a Catholic funeral and what the Church teaches on key end-of-life issues. Topics include pre-planning the three stages of the Catholic funeral, what the Church really teaches about cremation, how to approach difficult end-of-life decisions (life support, medical power of attorney, etc.) with your loved ones from a Catholic perspective and more. To register for free online, go to: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/now-and-at-the-hour-of-our-death/all>.

Stewardship & the Word

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

See Deuteronomy 18:15

Vocation Views

God works through the prophets to make known His message of salvation. Has He called you to be a prophet in our day and age? (Ez. 2:2-5)

Sunday Readings

February 7, 2021

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

For links to commentaries on the Sunday Readings:
www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/adults.htm

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Collection
Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

Offertory, January 24, 2021	\$ 10,020.00
On line Donations	\$ 2,418.50
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 12,438.50

THANK YOU!

Kroger \$50 Gift Card Winner: Charlotte Madar

Qualified Charitable Distributions

Are you age 72 and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to the church. QCD will satisfy your annual contribution requirement and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support the church or your favorite charity. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your tax advisor (we cannot give specific tax advice).

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

8:30 a.m. Parish
11:00a.m. Pat Beck—5th Anniv of Death (Paul Beck)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

8:00 a.m. Daniel Schoster (Ray & Teresa Schoster)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. of Don Busch Family (Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. of Lois Schuppig (Fr. Umberg)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

8:00 a.m. Rickey Boehl (Glenda Carota)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. Eddie Geers-Anniv. Of Death (Tina Geers)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

4:30 p.m. Robert Merten-Anniv. Of Death
(Marion Merten)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

8:30 a.m. Parish
11:00 a.m. Don Becker (Glacken Family)

Minister's Schedule

FOR FEBRUARY 6TH AND 7TH:

4:30 P.M. MASS

Lectors: Carolyn Meyer-Hughes, Tina Geers
Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Rosalie Menke
Co-Ord: Chris Neyer
Ushers: Paul Beck, Bill Masterson
Servers: Bonnie Pflum, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

8:30 A.M. MASS

Lectors: Greg Oswald, Mary Russell
Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Mary Jo Pfaffinger
Co-Ord: Thomas Walter
Ushers: Rose Smith, Steve Kruse
Servers: Joshua & Nicholas Paff, Dominic Spanyer

11:00 A.M. MASS

Lectors: Glenda Carota, Michael Groh
Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Kathryn Raaker
Co-Ord: Lynn Hericks
Ushers: Bob Kirch, Denis Zahner
Servers: Joe Bredestege, Hayden Vollrath,
Jacob Taylor

Parish Calendar

Sun., January 31: 8:30 am Mass, 9:30 am Grade 2 & Confirmation Sac. Prep., 11:00 am Mass, 11:00 am PREP (CCD)

Mon., February 1: 8:00 am Mass

Tues., February 2: 8:00 am Mass

Wed., February 3: 8:00 am Mass, Blessing of Throats, Live-Stream, 6:30 pm Confirmation Sac. Prep

Thurs., February 4: 8:00 am Mass, 8:45 am Rosary/ Scripture Prayer Group

Fri., February 5: 8:00 am Mass, Adoration

Sat., February 6: 4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream, Blessing of Throats, CMA Commitment Weekend

Looking Ahead

Sun., February 7: 8:30 am Mass, 9:30 am Grade 2 & Confirmation Sac. Prep., 11:00 am Mass, 11:00 am PREP (CCD), Blessing of Throats, CMA Commitment Weekend

Mon., February 8: 8:00 am Mass

Tues., February 9: 8:00 am Mass

Wed., February 10: 8:00 am Mass, Live-Stream, 6:30 pm Confirmation Sac. Prep

Thurs., February 11: 8:00 am Mass, 8:45 am Rosary/ Scripture Prayer Group

Fri., February 12: 8:00 am Mass, Rosary

Sat., February 13: 4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream

God Is Good All the Time

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mrs. Beth Scholl, D.R.E.

Reflecting on the Gospel

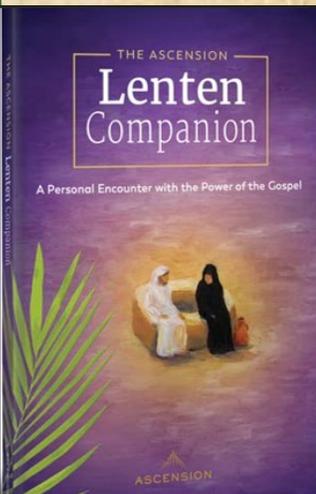
GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

Having called a handful of disciples, Jesus begins his teaching and healing ministry. Mark notes how impressed the people are with Jesus. They are spellbound by him. He teaches with authority unlike their own religious leaders. What is this authority? It is the authority of God.

Like the prophets of old, Jesus is anointed with God's Spirit, which enables him to touch people's hearts. His teaching is accompanied by 6 signs and wonders. When Jesus teaches, things happen: the sick are healed, the crippled walk, and the oppressed are liberated. All of this leaves the people in awe.

Also in today's Gospel, Jesus begins his battle with the "powers of darkness"—which will be a central part of his mission. Here Jesus defeats Satan. He bids him to leave the man. In so doing, Jesus not only shows compassion for the troubled person, but he also announces the beginning of the messianic era and the Reign of God.

The Gospel builds on the First Reading: Jesus is seen as the prophet whom Moses spoke about. He is a prophet in word and in deed. He is the living oracle of God. Mark uses this story to teach and encourage his community 30 or 40 years later. They are experiencing "hostile forces" in their persecution by Jewish leaders and the Romans. If their lives are firmly rooted in Christ, they will be able to withstand the evil forces attacking them.



St. Joseph Lenten Experience

Are you ready for a spiritual transformation?

Join us on Monday mornings after Mass as we follow Ascension's new DVD, **Lenten Companion**. This program includes engaging videos and inspirational discussion, featuring reflections by presenter Fr. Mark Toups. Join us and experience real spiritual formation and growth, finding yourself changed from the beginning of Lent to Easter. **We will meet in the Hospitality Room, keeping in line with social distancing and wearing masks.**

Contact Beth Scholl at 513-941-3661, x15, if interested in coming in person or not. There is a \$9 fee for a book. Space will be limited in-person.

ROSARY/SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

This group gathers on Thursday mornings at 8:45 a.m. to pray the Holy Rosary and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. Join us in the Hospitality Room!

Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph

"Go to Joseph! Have recourse with special confidence to St. Joseph, for his protection is most powerful, as he is the patron of the universal Church." Blessed Pope Pius IX

"This third millennium has been providentially reserved for St. Joseph." "The first was Christocentric via the Councils, the second was Marian-focused on her devotions, apparitions and dogmas. That means that the third person of the Earthly Trinity, St. Joseph, would naturally follow." This was shared by Father Stanley Smolenski, the Director of the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Joyful Hope.

Look in the bulletin for future articles and announcements to honor our patron saint, St. Joseph.

ACTION GUIDE

ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE: JANUARY

INTRODUCTION

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "[Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.](#)" The Church directs:

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance.

In addition, the USCCB also sponsors an annual, nationwide novena called **9 Days for Life**, which encompasses the liturgical observance of the Day of Prayer. Each day for nine days, a different intention is featured, accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information as we pray for the respect and protection of every human life. Visit [respectlife.org/9-days-for-life](https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life) for more information on the annual campaign.

Free downloads and additional electronic resources can be found at [respectlife.org/action-guides](https://www.respectlife.org/action-guides).

A sample timeline and activity, homily helps, announcements, and more are provided to help you get started. You are encouraged to adapt these resources as needed to fit your specific parish, school, or ministry.

Free downloads and additional electronic resources can be found at [respectlife.org/action-guides](https://www.respectlife.org/action-guides).

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30pm · Sunday 8:30am, 11am

Weekdays 8:00am

Holy Days: 8:00am and 7pm

Parish Office

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Bulletin Deadline: 10 days prior to publish date

Sacraments

Confession: Saturdays @4:00 pm in Seton Room

Baptism:

All parents are required to go through the Parish Baptismal Preparation Class. Parents may choose to participate before or after the birth of their child. To register, please contact Marti Barnes, Pastoral Associate.

RCIA:

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please contact Marti Barnes, Pastoral Associate.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Notify the Parish Office or Fr. Umberg for anointing of the sick, communion to the sick, shut-ins, or when in the hospital or nursing home.

Matrimony:

One of the engaged, or his/her parents, must be registered & an active parishioner at least 6 months prior to scheduling a wedding. Call or email Marti Barnes, Pastoral Associate, to make an appointment with Fr. Umberg at least six months in advance of the wedding.

St. Vincent de Paul

For Financial and Emergency Assistance
please call 513-913-2787

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Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Insert: Visiting Angels