

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

Memorial Day Roll Call

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st, at the 9:00 am Mass, St. Joseph will remember all our **deceased veterans**. If you have a new name you wish to add to the list (newly deceased veteran or someone we have not already placed on our roll call list), please call the office at 941-3661 by May 26th.



Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of the holiday.

Thank You

The Knights of Columbus of the Three Rivers Council want to thank all the parishioners of St. Joseph for their generous support and contribution to the Italian Dinner "Drive-Thru" Program. This Program was a tremendous and successful event for our Council. We generated in excess of \$2,300, which monies are to be used for funding various programs and events conducted by the Knights.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Rodenbeck
Grand Knight



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.



From the Pastor...

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As you may know, the **Governor of Ohio has said that social distancing restrictions are no longer required at religious services.** At a press conference yesterday, he said that all government health orders will be lifted, effective Wednesday, June 2nd.

The Archbishop of Cincinnati has approved a loosening of social distancing requirements in churches.

THEREFORE, EXCEPT FOR ONE SECTION OF THE CHURCH AND THE ENTIRE GATHERING SPACE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WILL OBSERVE NO SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS.

The section of the church where social distancing restrictions are still in force is (as you face the altar) the **left main side section closest to the wall with the stations** (not the whole left side, only the long section that runs along the Stations of the Cross). Again, the **entire Gathering Space is still a social distancing section** (we hope that there will be fewer people in the Gathering Space, now that there will be more room in church for those who do not feel that they have to be too cautious).

I am happy to report that, except for the strict social distancing section in church, all of the ugly, worn, year-old red and blue masking tape has been removed from the church seats. Feel free to watch the celebrational video on our website where live-streaming videos can be seen. (Of course, I can't wait to see the other half of your faces, in three weeks, when we get rid of those masks!)

~ Father Umberg

*****Lifting of Covid restrictions will be communicated as they are necessitated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.***

Around our Parish

GARDEN CLEAN-UP



St. Joe's garden clean-up will be
May 30th at 8:30 a.m.



We are in need of volunteers for the clean-up as well as for the summer maintenance of the gardens. No experience is necessary. Please join us at the outdoor Stations of the Cross on May 28th at 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call Barbara Rahschulte at 513-367-5451. Thank you!

Around our Parish



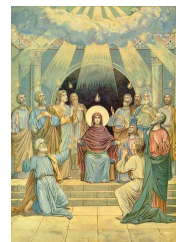
Is God Nudging You To Volunteer With Our Youth?

Catechists are preparing for the children of our parish for the Religious Ed Summer Program. You too can join in this experience, bringing our St. Joseph youth closer to God through volunteering. You might be asked to assist a catechist, distribute snacks, or help with daily activities. I would ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering with our children for the St. Joseph Summer Religious Education Program. High School students and Virtus-certified adults are welcome. The Summer Program consists of weekday mornings from June 7th through June 18th. Please call Beth Scholl if interested at: 513-941-3661, ext. 15, or email her at: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com.

Stewardship & the Word

Pentecost Sunday

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?



Vocation Views

Peter and the Apostles preach with a power and conviction that can only be attributed to the Spirit dwelling among them. Is God calling you to speak for Him in our day and age?

(Acts 2:1-11)



Baby Bottle Campaign 2021 To Benefit Pregnancy Center West



Last weekend, St. Joseph Church passed out baby bottles for the annual Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Pregnancy Center West. In the past two years, hundreds of babies have been saved at PCW with the success of the ultrasound machine. This would not have been possible without the generous contributions made by supporters like you!

Next weekend, May 29th and 30th we will be collecting the baby bottles filled with your generous contributions. If you did not pick up a baby bottle, you can still donate by visiting pc-west.org and click on the **DONATE** button; please enter "St. Joseph Baby Bottle Campaign" in the comment field, or you can send a check to Pregnancy Center West at 4900 Glenway Avenue, Cinti, OH 45238. Please write "St. Joseph Baby Bottle Campaign" in the memo of the check. Thank you for your generous support to this great campaign!

Sunday Readings

May 30, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

For links to commentaries on the Sunday Readings:

www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/adults.htm

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Collection
Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

Sunday Offertory, May 16, 2021	\$ 5,333.00
On line Donations	\$ 5,017.50
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 10,350.50

THANK YOU!

Split the Pot 2nd Quarter Winner Share: \$1,502.50

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).

Project Rachel

DO YOU NEED HEALING FROM AN ABORTION?



Have you seen the little white crosses on our property across from St. Joseph Church? These crosses sadly represent the precious, irreplaceable lives lost to abortion. These memorials represent all of the miracles that never came to be. We must continue to raise awareness and garner support not just to preserve life but more so to celebrate it." Please pray for these babies who were never given the choice to live, for their moms, dads, and extended families who will miss out in celebrating the joy of these special creations of God.

There is hope if you have had an abortion. Please call our confidential helpline to speak with someone who will listen. Take the first step towards healing by calling 513-784-0531.

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021:

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. Joe Wenck (Nancy Ruprecht)
11:00 a.m. George Roberts (Rita Roberts)

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

8:00 a.m. Don Becker (Doug & Mary Lee Jaeger)

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Hageman (Donna & Ted Moses)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021

8:00 a.m. Agnes Brake (Anne Gutzwiller)

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

8:00 a.m. Barb Dehner (St. Joe's Ladies Auxillary)

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. Bill Hodapp (Mary Ann Hodapp)

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021

4:30 p.m. John "Jack" Schnieders-1st Anniv. Of Death

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. Dave Schrader (Joan Gebhard)
11:00 a.m. Parish

Minister's Schedule

FOR MAY 29TH AND 30TH :

4:30 P.M. MASS

Lectors: Bill Schinkal, Ken Schmid
Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Terri Schinkal
Co-Ord: Chris Neyer
Ushers: Ray Doth, Bill Masterson
Servers: Shellie Weiskittel, **Volunteer, Volunteer**

8:30 A.M. MASS

Lectors: Dick Janson, Greg Oswald
Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Mary Jo Pfaffinger
Co-Ord: Thomas Walter
Ushers: Les Wilson, Steve Kruse
Servers: Josh Paff & Nick Paff, Marci Voss

11:00 A.M. MASS

Lectors: Kathryn Raaker, Lynn Hericks
Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Bill Raaker
Co-Ord: Marion Merten
Ushers: Ron Pastrick, Bob Sandhas
Servers: Joe Bredestege, Jacob Taylor, Peter Williams

Parish Calendar

Sun., May 23: Pentecost, 8:30 am Mass, 11:00 am,

Mon., May 24: 8:00 am Mass

Tues., May 25: 8:00 am Mass

Wed., May 26: 8:00 am Mass, Live-stream,

Thurs., May 27: 8:00 am Mass, 8:45 am Rosary/SSS

Fri., May 28: 8:00 am Mass, Rosary

Sat., May 29: , 4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream, K of C
Baby Bottle Campaign-Collection of Bottles

Looking Ahead

Sun., May 30: , 8:30 am, 11:00 am Mass, K of C Baby
Bottle Campaign-Collection of Bottles

Mon., May 31: 9:00 am Memorial Day Mass,
Parish Office Closed

Tues., June 1: 8:00 am Mass

Wed., June 2: 8:00 am Mass, Live-stream

Thurs., June 3: 8:00 am Mass, 8:45 am Rosary/SSS

Fri., June 4: 8:00 am Mass, Rosary

Sat., June 5: 4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream

Sun., June 6: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Mass

God Is Good All the Time

Pentecost

Mrs. Beth Scholl, D.R.E.



Pentecost: The Church's Birthday

by Rev. Lawrence Rice, CSP

Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy Birthday to you too, the body of the Church!

Each year the Church celebrates 50 days of Easter, culminating at the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the occasion of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his resurrection. Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus, and they had the courage to stop hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what he had accomplished by his dying and rising.

Because Pentecost brought the disciples this clarity of mission, it is regarded as the founding feast of the Christian Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus are tentative and disorganized. After Pentecost, they are a people with a mission, who perceive themselves as spiritually and sacramentally connected to the risen Christ. You can read the story of the Church's first days in the Acts of the Apostles.

Today, celebrations of Pentecost still center on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the power of those gifts to both draw people together, to send them forth to spread the word. For those of you who are fond of making lists, those gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Fortitude, Good Counsel, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

Of course, one of the remarkable elements of the story of the first Pentecost was the miracle of understanding, in which everyone in the diverse crowd in Jerusalem hears the disciples speaking in the listeners' own language. This unique event is sometimes commemorated at masses for Pentecost Sunday by having people read sections of the story in a variety of different languages represented in the congregation. It's a reminder that although we've heard the story before, we have inherited the mission of those first disciples. USCCB.org

Summer Religious Education Program (June 7-18, Mon-Fri., 8:45-12:30pm)

The registration deadline of May 21st, has been reached for our Summer Program, but we still have room at several grade levels. Keep in mind, learning about our catholic faith is on-going, so children need to attend every year. Please contact Beth Scholl at: 513-941-3661, if you wish to enroll your child(ren) in our Religious Education Program.



Also, I would like parishioners and anyone willing, to pray for our students, parents, teachers, volunteers and parish staff, so that we give glory to God, we are guided by the Holy Spirit, and we develop a better understanding of our patron saint, St. Joseph, which in turn brings us closer to Jesus and Mary, whom he protected.

Join in the celebration of the **Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage**, with all parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Our Lady of Fatima Statue will be in procession through 36 parishes, including St. Ignatius Church on Tuesday, June 15th, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Wednesday, June 16th, locally. Look for details in future bulletins regarding events and other interesting details surrounding this pilgrimage, specific to St. Joseph parish. If you are directly involved, please call the parish office and share your story. You can also go to MARY2021.ORG, or to see the latest updates by visit and tag: [facebook.com/groups/marianpilgrimage2021#mary2021](https://www.facebook.com/groups/marianpilgrimage2021#mary2021).



Catholic Adult Education — May 23, 2021

THE LIFE OF SAINT JOSEPH

PANEL 3: SAINT JOSEPH IN HEAVENLY GLORY

If we were numbering these panels chronologically, this would be the last one, because this one shows St. Joseph where he is now, enjoying eternal life in heaven, and praying for us who are still in the struggle of earthly life. So, we see St. Joseph, smiling, walking around in the glory of heaven, comfortable in his silk tunic and cloak, and casually holding the symbols that allow us to know who he is: his right angle, showing him to be the carpenter, and his stalk of lilies, a symbol of his purity and chastity, which were especially required because of the special kind of marriage he would agree to, in order to fulfill God's will for him. Joseph is traditionally shown holding a staff blooming with lilies. This is from a legend that his walking stick miraculously bloomed with lilies to show the Blessed Virgin Mary that he was the man (among competing offers) whom she should choose to be her husband.

Joseph is referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as a just man. All Christians are to seek to be just and righteous in our lives, but we can only be truly just through the justice Christ won for us through his cross and resurrection. The seven lilies are Easter lilies, still blooming in an abundance of life and beauty. They are a symbol of Jesus Christ in his resurrection, and Joseph holds them also as a sign of eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God,

still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,

to proclaim that the Lord is just, in him, my Rock, there is no wrong. (from Psalm 92, Grail Psalter translation)

Joseph is often portrayed holding the baby Jesus, to show that he is Jesus' foster father who cared for him. I chose not to portray him this way, because this scene would be after Jesus had grown up and died for us; Jesus is now at the right hand of the Father. Instead, we look now at St. Joseph, and he looks at us with affection, praying for us and encouraging us to work through the battle of earthly life.

Below the wooden border, St. Joseph's patronal titles are given, to engage the viewer in asking him for his friendship and prayer. One of these is "Patron Saint of a happy death" (that is, one that is peaceful, prepared for, and leading to eternal salvation). I had considered portraying the traditional scene of Joseph dying, with Jesus and Mary comforting him. With so many patronal titles, I thought I should simply list the titles instead (there may be still other titles). I hope you find it a source of comfort and motivation to pray.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30pm · Sunday 8:30am, 11am

Weekdays 8:00am

Holy Days: 8:00am and 7pm

Parish Office

Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm M-TH 8:30am-12:30pm FRI

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/StJosephNorthBend

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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