

St. Joseph Church

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent



25 E. Harrison Avenue North Bend, OH 45052

OUR VISION

We are a Roman Catholic community of faith, united in our belief that we are the Body of Christ. Here all people can find acceptance and love, share a sense of belonging, and grow in the knowledge of God's goodness. All are welcome here on our journey to heaven.

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 the 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

ADVENT CONFESSION-A-THON

Are you looking for some peace in your life?

Join us on Thursday, December 16th for our Advent Confession-A-Thon. Father Umberg, along with other priests, will be hearing confessions from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm inside the church. Confess what's on your heart and sit and reflect with the Lord.



Mass Times during Inclement Weather

In order to keep you and our community safe during severe winter weather, we will cancel our weekday Masses whenever the Three River school system is canceled. The Parish Office will open on a delayed status. All meetings and planned activities MAY be canceled as well. Please call the Parish Office at 941-3661 the day of the meeting for updated information.

Unless there is a Level 3 Snow Emergency, the weekend liturgies will take place as usual.

Three Rivers Giving Tree

Our Three Rivers Community Giving Tree is up in the Gathering Space. The Giving Tree has requests for toys and clothing to make Christmas a little brighter for the less fortunate families in the Three Rivers area.



Gifts are due back by December 11th and 12th We need volunteers to sort gifts on Sunday, December 12th after the 11:00 am Mass.

Thank you for your generosity!

YEAR IN REVIEW FOR THE ST. JOSEPH KNITTING AND CROCEHT MINISTRY

The St. Joseph Knitting and Crochet Ministry has been very hard at work this past year. With love and care they have donated to the following organizations:

Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center:

26 Afghans and hat sets, 171 fleece blankets and hat sets, 29 fleece blankets, 111 hats, 3 scarves, 3 quilts and 5 prayer shawls.

Pregnancy Center West: 3 Afghans and hat sets, 93 fleece blankets and hat sets.

Schools in Over the Rhine: 41 hats and scarve sets, 200 hats, 6 scarves and 15 pairs of gloves.

Bayley Place: 16 prayer shawls

St. Joseph Church: 4 Baptismal afghans





Throughout this Holiday Season Please pray for:

Thomas A. Bell, Daniel Blake, James R. Lamping, Emily Patrick, Brian Reising, Noah Oser, Kyle W. Wolfe, David DiGiovonni, Jacob Mielke & all men and women serving our nation in the armed forces. If you are aware of other parishioners serving, please notify the parish office at 941-3661.

TRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The Three Rivers Area Ministries **(TRAM)** Food pantry is in need of several volunteers. They have moved to their new location and are looking for people to volunteer to register people and then to distribute the food. The hours would be from 12:30-3:00 pm. The following volunteers/days are needed:

- 2 Volunteers for the 2nd Thursday of every month
- 2 Volunteers for the 3rd Thursday of every month
- 2 Volunteers for the 5th Monday of any month that has 5 weeks
- Volunteer Subs when needed

If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please call Chris Fay at 513-379-2961.

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.



Hospitalization

If you are anticipating surgery and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please contact the parish office. Also, if you are hospitalized and would like a visit from Father, please have a <u>family member</u> contact the parish office.

Around our Parish

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 someone 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.



FUN & COMES OF ST. JOSEPII



St. Joseph Parish is looking for fun-spirited adult parishioners to participate in weekly board games or card games. These activities will be held at St. Joseph in the Hospitality Room from 1-4:00 pm (day to be determined). No experience required. More information will become available once we know how many adults are interested. If you are interested in joining us once a week to play board games or to play cards and would like to get to know your fellow parishioners even better, please contact Linda and Jim Maupin at 812-537-4693.





In the Neighborhood

Natural Family Planning The Live the Love site is a method-neutral initiative of the Couple to Couple League International, a provider of instruction in the Sympto-Thermal Method. For more information, go to livethelove.org.

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra, conducted by Dave Allen, presents "Celebrate the Season in Song", and are honored to have Emmy-Winning performer Nancy James join them to help celebrate the holidays! The CMO Orchestra members and the CMO Metropolitan singers invite you to join them for a program that sparkles with the joy and reverence of the season. Join them at Seton's Performance Hall, 3901 Glenway avenue, on Sunday December 5th at 3PM for this free concert. Donations are accepted.

For those needing to avoid steps, enter from the top floor of the parking garage or through the glass doors on the Beech Avenue side of Seton where an elevator is available. Visit www.GoCMO.org for more information.



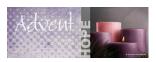




Stewardship & the Word

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.



Vocation Views

Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve.

(Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Sunday Readings

December 5th, 2021

Baruch 5:1-9 Phillipians 1:4-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6

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, November 21, 2021 \$ 10,167.00
On Line Donations \$ 2,133.00
Total Weekly Offertory \$ 12,300.00

THANK YOU!

5200 Club Winner for November 21st: Sharon Meyer **Split the Pot 4th Quarter Winner Share**: \$1,585



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

8:30 a.m William Ohr (Michael Accurso) 11:00 a.m. Robert Hageman (Ted & Donna Moses)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

8:00 a.m. Ruth Huff (Jerry Dehner)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

8:00 a.m. Don Lengerich (St. Joe's Ladies Society)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. of Kevin Lohman (Shellie Weiskittel)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. Dave Schrader (Three Rivers K of C)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

8:00 a.m. Jim Bell-5th Anniv. Of Death (Family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

4:30 p.m. Sp. Int. of Dorothy & Bill Harmeyer-Birthday Remembrance (Irene Heinzelman)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

8:30 a.m. Shirley Groh (Dan & JoAnn Warnock) 11:00 a.m. Parish

Minister's Schedule

FOR DECEMBER 4TH AND 5TH:

4:30 P.M. MASS

Lectors: Carolyn Meyer-Hughes, Denis Zahner Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Rosalie Menke,
Terri Schninkal

Co-Ord: Maryann Schmidt **Ushers**: Paul Beck, Ray Doth

Servers: Shellie Weiskittel, Volunteer, Volunteer

8:30 A.M. MASS

Lectors: Greg Oswald, Mary Russell

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Don Larrick, Mary Bell

Co-Ord: Thomas Walter

Ushers: Steve Kruse, Rose Smith

Servers: Tony & John Paul Longano, Marci Voss

11:00 A.M. MASS

Lectors: Linda Maupin, Lynn Hericks
Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Kathryn Raaker,
Bruce Tumlin

Co-Ord: Bill Raaker

Ushers: Bob Sandhas, Ben Staubach

Servers: Volunteer, Hayden Vollrath, Peter Williams

Parish Calendar

Mon., November 29: 8:00 am Mass Tues., November 30: 8:00 am Mass

Wed., December 1: 8:00 am Mass, Live-stream,

9:00 am Advent Prayer Group

Thurs., December 2: 8:00 am Mass, Rosary/SSS

Fri., December 3: 8:00 am Mass, Adoration

Sat., December 4: 4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream,

Sun. December 5: Second Sunday of Advent, 8:30 am, 9:30 2nd Gr. Sacr. Prep Program, 11:00 am Mass, PreK/K/1st Gr. CCD, Blessing of the St. Joseph Statue in the St. Joseph Gardens after Mass.

Looking Ahead

Mon., December 6: 8:00 am Mass

Tues., December 7: 8:00 am Mass, **Immaculate Conception** 7:00 pm Vigil Mass, Marian Pilgrimage Statue Arrives 7:00 pm with Rosary and private reflection after Mass

Wed., December 8: Immaculate Conception 8:00 am Mass, Live-stream, 7:00 pm Mass, with Rosary and private reflection after Mass, 9:00 am Advent Prayer Group

Thurs., December 9: 8:00 am Mass, Rosary SSS

Fri., December 10: 8:00 am Mass, Rosary,

Sat., December 11: 4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream,

Sun. December 12: 8:30 am, 9:30 am 2nd Gr. Sacr. Prep Program, 11:00 am Mass, PreK/K/1st Gr. CCD

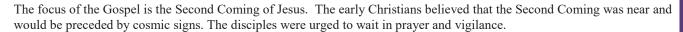
Third Sunday of Advent

God Is Good All the Time First Sunday of Advent

Beth Scholl, Director of Religious Education

Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



In this week's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the coming of the Son of Man (at the end of the world). Using apocalyptic ("veiled") language, Jesus presents images of both cosmic and political upheaval ("seas and waves roaring," "nations in anguish") to speak about this event. The unrighteous will be terrified by these events, but faithful disciples of Jesus need not fear, for the coming of the Son of Man will signal their deliverance and salvation. So while others might be crushed with fear by the devastating reality of the end of the world, Jesus' followers can find peace in the assurance of redemption. Jesus incites his followers to "be on guard," lest they fall into self-indulgence and forget God and His ways. There will be a day of reckoning for all people.

The Gospel ends with an exhortation to pray and watch all that they say and do in the context of the Gospel. In other words, "What would Jesus say or do in this situation?" For the faithful disciple, the coming of the Son of Man will not be a fearful event. Rather, it will be a day of triumph and joy. For more information, refer to Ascensioncatholic.net.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice at Church and in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath is done on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing is celebrated in the home, a leader, such as a parent, needs to be chosen.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, <u>Isaiah 9</u>: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or <u>Isaiah 63</u> (lines 16-17 & 19) or <u>Isaiah 64</u> (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **R/.** Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/.** Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid every sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

DEAR FRIENDS,

PLEASE JOIN US AS THE
PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR
LADY OF FATIMA ARRIVES AT
SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ON
DEC. 7, 8 & 9, 2021!



Advent

The Pilgrim Virgin statue, which has traveled over 300 miles across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is meant to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace and salvation, especially to people who may never have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima itself. The schedule is as follows:

JOIN US FOR

♦ December 7th: 7pm: Vigil Mass, followed by the rosary with vocal interludes between decades

Doors open to visit from Mass until 9:30pm

 December 8th: 8am morning Mass and 7pm evening Masses, followed by the rosary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Doors open to visit from 8:00am until 9:00pm

♦ December 9th: 8am Mass, followed by the rosary

Doors open to visit from 8:00am until 12 noon

To personally honor our Mother, you are invited to bring a flower, to place in a vase that will be displayed on the steps of the altar in front of the Pilgrimage Statue.

If you have questions, contact Beth Scholl at (513) 941-3661, or Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com.

Dec 4/5	Ministry				
		Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 8:30 AM	Sun 11:00 AM	
	Lector	Carolyn Meyers-Hughes	Greg Oswald	Linda Maupin	
		Denis Zahner	Mary Russell	Lynn Hericks	
	Coordinator	Maryann Schmidt	Tom Walters	Bill Raaker	
	Euch. Min.	Rosalie Menke	Mary Bell	Kathryn Raaker	
		Terri Schinkal	Don Larrick	Bruce Tumlin	
	Ushers	Paul Beck	Steve Kruse	Bob Sandhas	
		Ray Doth	Rose Smith	Ben Staubach	
	Servers	Shellie Weiskittel	Anthony Longano	VOLUNTEER	
		VOLUNTEER	John Paul Longano	Hayden Vollrath	
		VOLUNTEER	Marci Voss	Nicole Wilkens	
Dec 11/12 Ministry					
	Lector	Fran Romweber	Heather Dulle	Kathryn Raaker	
		Bill Schinkal	Bryan Simms	Bruce Tumlin	
	Coordinator	Steve Kruse	Tom Walters	Lynn Hericks	
	Euch. Min.	Debbie Doth	Cynthia Lucas	Glenda Carota	
		Karen Long	Sally Olding	Pat Heidorn	
	Ushers	Bill Masterson	Bob Weidner	Bob Kirch	
		Denis Zahner	Les Wilson	Ron Pastrick	
	Servers	Chris Moorman	Joshua Paff	Jacob Taylor	
		Brian Moorman	Nicholas Paff	Hayden Vollrath	
		Jacob Moorman	Ellie Simms	Peter Williams	
Dec 18/1	9 Ministry				
	Lector	Ken Schmid	Steve Kruse	Mike Groh	
		Shellie Weiskittel	Janet Leonhardt	Lynn Hericks	
	Coordinator	VOLUNTEER	Tom Walters	Bill Raaker	
	Euch. Min.	Rosalie Menke	Greg Oswald	Kathryn Raaker	
		Carolyn Meyers-Hughes	Mary Jo Pfaffinger	Bruce Tumlin	
	Ushers	Paul Beck	Rose Smith	Bob Sandhas	
		Ray Doth	Bob Weidner	Ben Staubach	
	Servers	Chris Moorman	Tommy Longano	Joe Bredestege	
		Brian Moorman	Teresa Longano	Nicole Wilkens	
		Jacob Moorman	Dominic Spanyer	VOLUNTEER	
Dec 26th Ministry					
	Lector	***	Greg Oswald	Tina Geers	
		***	Mary Russell	Glenda Carota	
	Coordinator	***	Tom Walters	Lynn Hericks	
	Euch. Min.	***	Holly Simms	Pat Heidorn	
		***	Brooke Webster	Kathryn Raaker	
	Ushers	***	Steve Kruse	Bob Kirch	
		***	Les Wilson	Ron Pastrick	
	Servers	***	Joshua Paff	Jacob Taylor	
		***	Nicholas Paff	Peter Williams	
		***	Marci Voss	VOLUNTEER	

^{***} SIGN UP BOARDS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE IN GATHERING SPACE

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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Sacraments

Confession: Saturdays @4:00 pm

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.

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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