



*In the spirit of St. Joseph,
we lovingly serve Jesus Christ
and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

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NEW PARISHIONERS Please register in person at the Parish
Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please
return to Parish Office or put in collection.

MASS TIMES	Saturday	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
	Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
	Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
	Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
		Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday
at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal
Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of
each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome
to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo*
en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo.
Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charlas de preparación en el Centro
Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or
e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25 and 26, 2023
25 y 26 de Marzo del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 27

No Mass

Readings: 251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30/Ps 23/
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Brett Helwig, Jr.

Readings: 252: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 29

**8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Burnham and Kramer Families**

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92/(Ps) Dn 3/
Jn 8:31-41

Thursday, March 30

8:15 a.m. Anne Leibfarth

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 254: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 31

8:15 a.m. Steve Kuczirka

Readings: 255: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 1

The Vigil Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00 p.m. David Magnacca

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Richard T. Wenzel

11:00 a.m. Jim and Nancy Zifer

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 37: Mt 21:1-11 (procession)
38: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14-27:66

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, March 28 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, March 29 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, March 30 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, March 31 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

Palm Sunday

April 1, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Bill Bartz - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Janice Cosenza: Narrator/Mary DeBois - Voice

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Charlie Montan

April 2, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jeannine Kennedy - 1st Lector

Mike Finley - 2nd Lector

Jack Burnham - Narrator/Keith Knestaut - Voice

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,

Jessica DeBois

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Piper Olson, Miya Olson, Matthew Olson

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Sally Dooling - 1st Lector

Cathie Peters - 2nd Lector

Jim Elco - Narrator/Mike Ernest - Voice

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,

Sue Worth

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson,

Lindsay Williams

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Patrick Sciarretti, Vince Sciarretti

Offertory for March 18 and 19, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,321.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,302.00
Online Giving	\$ 715.00
Total	\$ 9,338.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 662.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 91.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 70.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 130.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 820.00
Other Collections	\$ 308.00
Second Collection for Food for the Poor	\$ 989.00

Thank you for your generosity.

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:
 posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

Spiritual Notes

Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones serves as a message of hope for the people in exile. God intends to renew them and bring them back to the land of Israel. The Israelites in exile feel as though they are dead, but in the vision, God promises to "put my spirit in you that you may live." God intends to give new life to a broken people: "I have promised, and I will do it." This scene is one of the few Old Testament texts that foreshadow the promise of Resurrection and the gift of eternal life. Paul reminds the Romans and us that since God's Spirit dwells in us, God will give life to our mortal bodies. Christ's Resurrection foreshadows our own sharing in eternal life. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, He says earlier; we are in the spirit and that spirit will bring us life. The raising of Lazarus is the seventh sign or miracle performed by Jesus in John's Gospel. As a sign, it shows us that Jesus has power over death. Raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus foreshadowed His own Resurrection: John's readers would see the connection. Jesus assures Martha, "Your brother will rise," but she thinks this will happen on the last day, a common belief in contemporary Judaism. But Jesus has something else in mind. "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Lazarus will rise today, but he is not resurrected; he is restored to his old life." John refers to him as the dead man who comes out of the tomb tied hand and foot with burial bands, unlike Jesus, who will leave His burial cloths behind because He has passed from death to life. The new life of the Risen Christ is God's promise to each of us. *For reflection: Have I experienced being brought back to life by God? How does my belief in the Resurrection help me face personal loss in my life?*



Reconciliation Monday
April 3, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Holy Week Ministers Needed!

It is difficult to schedule parishioners for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you are a Lector, Eucharist Minister, or Altar Server, and would like to participate in one of these liturgies, please call or email Brenda.



You may begin to return your Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday. There will be baskets at each of the entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

March 31st

Stations of the Cross
1:00 p.m. – TCCES students
7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

April 2nd

Easter Egg Hunt – Knights Hall
3:00 p.m.

April 3rd

Reconciliation Monday
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 4th

No Mass

April 6th

Holy Thursday
Mass – 7:00 p.m.

April 7th

Good Friday
Service – 3:00 p.m.

April 8th

Easter Vigil
Mass – 8:00 p.m.

April 9th

Easter Sunday
Mass – 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. in Spanish

April 10th

Parish Office is Closed

April 19th

St. Joseph Seniors
Manor Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

May 4th

First Communion Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.

May 6th

First Communion
Mass – 4:00 p.m.

May 7th

Chicken BBQ

May 21st

Confirmation
Mass – 3:00 p.m.

Save the Date

Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, followed by dinner at the Union Country Club. Everyone is invited! More information coming soon!

Youth Ministry News

Sunday, April 2nd

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Dover Knights Hall
Help the Knights with the Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Holy Trinity
Activity to be determined



Would you like to join a Co-Ed Softball league and represent St. Joseph Catholic Church? The season officially begins May 4th and 5th, and we are looking for players, ages 18 and up, to compete weekly on Thursday and/or Friday nights. To sign-up, please email Jan-Michael LaBrake at jjlabrake@hotmail.com, or call the Parish Office by April 10th. The only fee to play may be the purchase of a team shirt. Informational meeting and practices to follow!

175th Anniversary! **We need your help!**

Do you have photos from parish events in the past?

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may willing to share to display the Anniversary Dinner; they will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Parish 175th Anniversary Raffle The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm. Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number			No. 011
NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	

Congratulations, Jack Fitzgerald,
the winner of our March drawing

Our next drawing will be
Monday, April 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

Tickets are available in Parish Office or by contacting Jeannine, Meg, Janice, or Brenda!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need; the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

March 29, 2023 - Team F (Boy Scouts)
 April 5, 2023 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)
 April 12, 2023 - Team D (Andrea Settimio)
please note schedule change
 April 19, 2023 - Team I (Isabellas)
 April 26, 2023 - Team J (Ashley Graham)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!



Easter Flower Memorials are in your envelope packets. The cost is \$20.00 for three names. They must be returned by April 5, 2023. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____

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 By: _____



Tuscarawas Central **Catholic Elementary School**



Easter Fundraiser Campaign

Prepare your Easter baskets and support TCCES by ordering delicious candy from Waggoner's Chocolates. To order, visit <https://form.jotform.com/230603359391152>. Payments are required with orders. If you have any questions, please contact Larissa Jenkins at 216-338-5717. Thank you for your support!



Tuscarawas Central **Catholic High School**



TCC is accepting nominations for **The Peter Clore Memorial Scholarship**

Peter Clore attended Sacred Heart School and was a 2006 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic. Peter died in May, 2011, while on active duty in Afghanistan. Peter was a Certified Explosives Detector Dog Handler, a position that put him ahead of his unit as they made their patrol. In memory of Peter, this scholarship recognizes a student for outstanding contribution to the Catholic Identity of TCC. The ideal honoree is a gentle leader who is active in parish life, contributes to the religious dimension of the school and participates willingly in service to others. Consideration will also be given to a student who is active in diocesan youth ministry activities.

Any staff member, parent, student or friend of the school may submit nominations for this honor for students who will attend TCC as sophomores, juniors or seniors. The nomination should include the student's name and a brief narrative description of why the student is a worthy candidate for this honor. Nominations may be submitted to Karen Dick at TCC at kdick@cducation.org or mailed to Tuscarawas Central Catholic, 777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. Nominations must be received by April 14, 2023.

Flower and Vegetable Sale

Spring is coming and so is the annual TCC Saints Club Flower and Vegetable Sale. Order your annuals and vegetables for spring planting from the Saints Club. The plants are sold in pots, hanging baskets, half flats, and full flats. These plants do not disappoint! Prepaid orders are due by Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Pick up will be at TCC High School on Friday, May 12th between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Order forms are available in the Vestibule of the church or the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Price at 330-340-2028.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

“Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you, and beg your protection. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.” +PRAYER ~ MEMORARE TO SAINT JOSEPH

Monday, March 27 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:1-11 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

Meditation: This incident conveys to us a great deal about Jesus’ attitude toward the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death, or reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God’s grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is – unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God’s mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean heart and mind?

Prayer: O God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In your heart of hearts, do you desire to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (ref. Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions. Let us pray as St. Augustine prayed: “God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you love, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Tuesday, March 28 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:21-30 Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am going away and you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot come." So the Jews said, "He is not going to kill himself, is he, because he said, 'Where I am going you cannot come'?" He said to them, "You belong to what is below, I belong to what is above. You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world. That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins." So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "What I told you from the beginning. I have much to say about you in condemnation. But the one who sent me is true, and what I heard from him I tell the world." They did not realize that he was speaking to them of the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me. The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him." Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him.

Meditation: To "sin" literally means to *miss the mark* or *to be off target*. The essence of sin is that we, through our choice, separate ourselves from the love of God and from our true purpose in life – to know the source of all truth and beauty which is God himself and to be united with God in everlasting joy. When Adam and Eve first sinned, they hid themselves from God (Genesis 3:8-10). That is what sin does; it separates us from the One who is all loving, all-wise, and all-just. Jesus went on to explain that if people could not recognize him in his word, they would have the opportunity to recognize him when he is "lifted upon the cross of Calvary. Jesus pointed to the atoning sacrifice of his life on the cross as the true source of healing and victory over the sin of the world. The sacrifice of Christ's life on the cross for our sins is the ultimate proof of God's love for us. God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). To fail to recognize Jesus and where he came from is to remain in spiritual darkness; to believe Jesus and his words is to walk in the joy and light of God's truth. There are certain opportunities in life that come and do not return. Each of us is given the opportunity to know and to accept Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior. But that opportunity can be rejected and lost. Life here is limited and short, but how we live it has everlasting consequences. Do you take advantage of the present time to make room for God so that your life will count for eternity?

Prayer: Grant us, we pray, O Lord, perseverance in obeying your will, that in our days the people dedicated to your service may grow in both merit and number. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the healing power of the cross of Christ? When the people of Israel were afflicted with serpents in the wilderness because of their sin, God instructed Moses: "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (ref. Numbers 21:8). The bronze serpent points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising and exaltation to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only redeems us, but he fills us with his own divine life and power that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be his witnesses and to spread and defend the gospel by word and action, and to never be ashamed of Christ's Cross. Are you ready to live your life as a witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to those around you?

Wednesday, March 29 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-42 Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free. I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you. I tell you what I have seen in the Father's presence; then do what you have heard from the Father." They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham. But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father!" So they said to him, "We were not born of fornication. We have one Father, God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me."

Meditation: The world presents us with a false notion of truth and freedom – “truth is relative so I choose my own criteria for what is true” and freedom means “I can do whatever I want to do – regardless of what God or others might think...” and the ever-popular “don’t tell me what to do.” This confusion only gets compounded when civil laws make legal many things which are contrary to the laws of God, and the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church – abortion, euthanasia, and same-sex marriage, to name a few. This is really a mask for slavery to one’s passions and desires – to do what “me, myself and I” will to do versus humbly and lovingly submitting ourselves to live our lives according to the will of God. Jesus offers his disciples true freedom – freedom from slavery to pride and arrogance – disbelief and ignorance – selfishness and greed – hatred and revenge – fear and anxiety – despair and depression – and a host of many other hurtful desires and addictions which cripple our lives.

Prayer: Enlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of your children, sanctified by penance, and in your kindness grant those you stir to a sense of devotion a gracious hearing when they cry out to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The good news is that Jesus Christ has truly set us free from sin and its destructive force in our lives. How is this possible? Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit we can choose to renounce sin, we choose to live up to the challenges put forth to us by Christ in the Gospel, and in doing so we can yield to God's grace which enables us to walk each day and each moment in Christ's way of love and holiness. A disciple is a follower and a listener. If we want to be a true follower of Christ and live as his disciples, then we must listen to the words of Jesus, with a humble and teachable spirit, and put Jesus' words into action in our daily lives. As we listen with faith and obey with trust, Christ himself gives us grace – the enabling power of his Holy Spirit – to live, think, and act in the truth of his word. Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to change your life and to set you free to walk in Christ's way of love and holiness?

Thursday, March 30 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:51-59 Jesus said to the Jews: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.” So the Jews said to him, “Now we are sure that you are possessed. Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Or the prophets, who died? Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.” So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area.

Meditation: When the Jews asked Jesus “Who do you claim to be?” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was, I AM.” Jesus claims to be timeless and there is only one in the universe who is timeless, namely God. Scripture tells us that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus was not just a man who came, lived, died, and then rose again. He is the immortal timeless One, who always was and always will be. In Jesus we see the eternal God in visible flesh. His death and rising make it possible for us to share in his eternal life. Do you live in the hope and joy of the resurrection?

Prayer: O God, who reward the merits of the just and offer pardon to sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you thirst and hunger to know God fully – to know him personally, and to know the transforming power of his love and wisdom for your life? God made us to know him and he gives us the gift of faith and understanding to grow in our knowledge of him. Jesus challenged the people of Israel to accept his word as the revelation of God. His claims challenged the very foundation of their belief and understanding of God. Jesus made a series of claims which are the very foundation of his life and mission. What are these claims? First, Jesus claims unique knowledge of God as the only begotten Son of the Father in heaven. Since he claims to be in direct personal communion with his Father in heaven, he knows everything about the Father. Jesus claims that the only way to full knowledge of the mind and heart of God is through himself. Jesus also claims unique obedience to God the Father. He thinks, lives and acts in

the knowledge of his Father's word. To look at his life is to see how God wishes me to live. In Jesus alone we see what God wants us to know and what he wants us to be.

Friday, March 31 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 10:31-42 The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, You are gods'?" If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and Scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Then they tried again to arrest him; but he escaped from their power. He went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and there he remained. Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true." And many there began to believe in him.

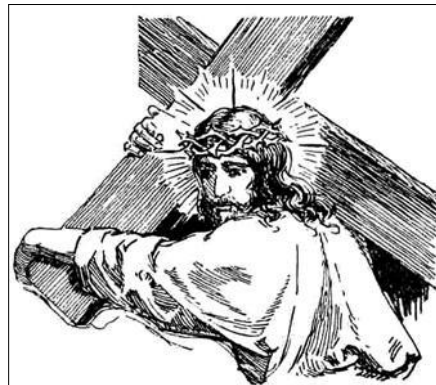
Meditation: Why were the religious leaders so upset with Jesus that they wanted to kill him? They charged him with blasphemy because he claimed to be the Son of God. Jesus made two claims in his response: He was consecrated by the Father to a special task and he was sent into the world to carry out his Father's mission. Jesus challenged his opponents to accept his works if they could not accept his words. One can argue with words, but deeds are beyond argument. Jesus is the perfect teacher in that he does not base his claims on what he says but on what he does. The word of God is life and power to those who believe.

Prayer: Pardon the offenses of your peoples, we pray, O Lord, and in your goodness set us free from the bonds of the sins we have committed in our weakness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Is your life consecrated to God? The scriptural understanding of "consecration" is to make "holy for God" – to be given over as a free-will offering and sacrifice for God. Jesus made himself a sin-offering for us, to ransom us from condemnation and slavery to sin. He spoke of his Father consecrating him for this mission of salvation. Jesus shows us the way to walk the path of truth and holiness. And he anoints us with his power to live the gospel with joy and to be his witnesses in the world. Are you a doer of God's word, or a hearer only, failing to put into action that which is taught to us in the sacred scriptures so that we may live in the light of Christ? God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. **As we approach Holy Week – the holiest week of the year in the Christian world – let's make sure that we put the "holy" in the upcoming Holy Week by the way we live our faith and how we choose to spend our time.** Let us live this week illuminated with the light of Christ, so that his light shines through each of us. Let us set aside this one week of the year for added prayer, scripture reading and meditation, daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross. Have you been to confession lately? Have you been to confession? Remember most of all to thank Christ for his suffering the Passion and death on the cross, with the weight and pain of the cross being our own sinfulness.

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Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit	Sardines
Pancake Syrup	Pancake Mix
Spaghettios	Canned Ravioli

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

SWAP- Sharing with Appalachian People

SWAP is a service of MCC/Great Lakes. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in several counties of southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia. A SWAP experience includes spending time in the mountains of Appalachia, ministering to and building relationships with local folks in need while reflecting on and sharing your experiences as you serve "In the name of Christ." If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the upcoming June trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact, John Karl or Matt Ritzert.

Good Friday Collection

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect Holy Places. Please support this special collection. Members of Knights of Columbus will be holding baskets at each of the entrances at the end of Mass.

Office of Social Concerns

Care for the Unborn

Several pro-life bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

Care for Creation

The Ohio Catholic Rural Life Conference issued a Care for Creation Calendar which identifies various patron saints associated with God's creation. For more information, visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

Immigration Reform

With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Please visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest information at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith



Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information contact the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893



Other Information To Note:

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

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If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.



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When traveling, and you need to find information on the closest Catholic Church and the times for their Masses, please check out www.masstimes.org

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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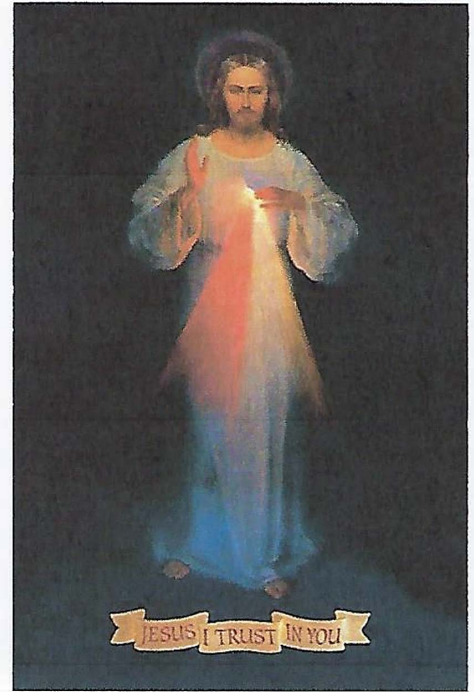
A Litany of Trust

*The Litany of Trust is a prayer composed by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV.
This prayer asks Jesus to deliver us from the things that hold us bound and to help us trust in His promises.*

From the belief that I
have to earn Your love
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear that I am unlovable
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the false security
that I have what it takes
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear that trusting You
will leave me more destitute
Deliver me, Jesus.
From all suspicion of
Your words and promises
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the rebellion against
childlike dependency on You
Deliver me, Jesus.
From refusals and reluctances
in accepting Your will
Deliver me, Jesus.
From anxiety about the future
Deliver me, Jesus.
From resentment or excessive
preoccupation with the past
Deliver me, Jesus.
From restless self-seeking
in the present moment
Deliver me, Jesus.
From disbelief in Your love and
presence
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being asked
to give more than I have
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the belief that my life
has no meaning or worth
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of what love demands
Deliver me, Jesus.
From discouragement
Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding
me, sustaining me, loving me
Jesus, I trust in You.
That Your love goes deeper than my
sins and failings and transforms me
Jesus, I trust in You.
That not knowing what tomorrow
brings is an invitation to lean on You
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You are with me in my suffering
Jesus, I trust in You.
That my suffering, united to Your own,
will bear fruit in this life and the next
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You will not leave me orphan,
that You are present in Your Church
Jesus, I trust in You.
That Your plan is better
than anything else
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You always hear me and in
Your goodness always respond to me
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You give me the grace to accept
forgiveness and to forgive others
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You give me all the strength
I need for what is asked
Jesus, I trust in You.
That my life is a gift
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You will teach me to trust You
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You are my Lord and my God
Jesus, I trust in You.
That I am Your beloved one
Jesus, I trust in You.

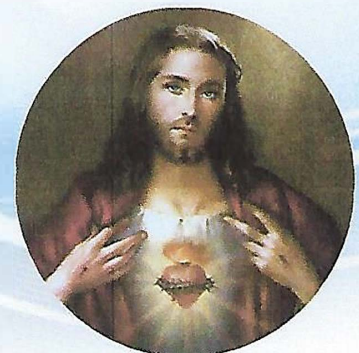
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Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your Will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

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Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God, you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.
St. Teresa of Avila

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Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

26 de Marzo del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo Abril 2 1:30 p.m.

Ramos la Pasión de Señor

Domingo Abril 9 1:30 p.m.

Pascua De la Resurrección del Señor.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados 4:00 p.m.

Domingos 8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Marzo 2023

Por las víctimas de abusos

Oremos por los que sufren a causa del mal recibido por parte de los miembros de la comunidad eclesial: para que encuentren en la misma Iglesia una respuesta concreta a su dolor y sufrimiento.



Horario de los Coros

2 de Abril

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

9 de Abril

Reina de Los Angeles



La Cuaresma: Es un tiempo de Oración, penitencia y ayuno. Cuarenta días que la iglesia nos pide un cambio a nuestras vidas. El ayuno consiste en hacer una sola comida al día y la abstinencia es no comer carne. Este es un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por haberlo ofendido y decirle que queremos cambiar de vida para agradecerle siempre.

Vía crucis "Estaciones de la Cruz"

Marzo 31

8:00 p.m. en Español

Notas Espirituales

La visión de Ezequiel de los huesos secos sirve como un mensaje de esperanza para el pueblo en el exilio. Dios tiene la intención de renovar y traerlos "de nuevo a la tierra de Israel." Los israelitas en el exilio se sienten como si estuvieran muertos, pero en la visión Dios promete "Pondré mi Espíritu en vosotros para que vivan," Dios tiene la intención de dar nueva vida a un quebrantado pueblo: "Lo he prometido, y lo haré." Esta escena es uno de los pocos textos del Antiguo Testamento que prefigura la promesa de la resurrección y el don de vida eterna. Pablo recuerda a los romanos y a nosotros que ya que el Espíritu de Dios habita en nosotros, Dios "dará vida a (nuestros) cuerpos mortales." La resurrección de Cristo prefigura nuestra propia participación en la vida eterna. "No hay condenación para los que están en Cristo Jesús," dice antes que; "estamos en el espíritu," y el espíritu nos dará a traer vida. La resurrección de Lázaro es el "signo" séptimo o milagro hecho por Jesús en el Evangelio de Juan. Como signo, nos muestra que Jesús tiene poder sobre la muerte. Resucitando a Lázaro de entre los muertos, Jesús anuncia su propia resurrección; lectores de Juan verían la conexión. Jesús asegura a Marta, "Tu hermano resucitará," pero ella piensa que esto va a suceder "en el último día," una creencia común en el judaísmo contemporáneo. Pero Jesús tiene algo más en mente. "El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá." Lázaro se levantará hoy, pero él no es resucitado, él es restaurado a su antigua vida. Juan se refiere a él como "el muerto," que sale de la tumba "atado de pies y manos con vendas funerarias," a diferencia de Jesús, que dejará sus vendas en el suelo detrás de él, porque ha pasado de la muerte a la vida. La vida nueva de Cristo resucitado es la promesa de Dios a cada uno de nosotros.

Para reflexionar: ¿Alguna vez he experimentado "ser devuelto a la vida" por Dios? ¿Cómo me ayuda mi creencia en la resurrección a enfrentar la pérdida personal en mi vida?



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

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